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DEATHS.

...at South Evanston, Ill., Dec. 31, Amelia ... widow of Judge Romeyn, late of Troy, ... years.

...esday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the ... her sister, Mrs. A. L. Wilson. The re... taken to Catskill, N. Y., for interment. ...derick Hurd, Dec. 31, 1882, from injuries ...t the L. C. R. R. Car-Works. ...n residence No. 346 State-st., Tuesday, ...m., to Oakwoods. Friends of the family ... attend.

...City (Nev.) and Tamaqua (Penn.) pa... ...ny.

...nathan Shaw, at No. 56 West Madison-st., ... malaria, aged 31 years. ...e funeral hearses.

...s and New York papers please copy.

...h. L. W. Holstein, son of William H. and ...aged 2 years 1 month and 18 days. ...on, on Wednesday, at 2 p. m., at the ...arents, corner of Normal Parkway and ...Englewood.

Funeral services of the late Amos S. ... held in Christ Church, Oak Park, ...an. 3, at 9:30 a. m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

...GULAR MONTHLY MEETING ...oard of Managers of the Chicago Home ...llows will be held at the Home Wednes... ...t 10 o'clock.

...NERS OF PROPERTY FRONT... ...Lincoln-av. are requested to meet in ... corner Webster-av. and Larrabee-st. ...evening to hear report of their com... ...ted to project before the City Council ...ing right of way to an Elevated Railroad ... to transact other business.

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DISSOLUTION. The firm of WHYLAND & WARES has this day been dissolved by limitation. C. A. WHYLAND, WILLIAM WARES.

The undersigned will continue the Construction business at the same place, under the firm name of WHYLAND & HARLBURT, at the old office, 152 La Salle-st., Monon Block. C. A. WHYLAND, E. H. LABAGH.

BIZ GOES ON AT SEA'S AS THOUGH NO FIRE HAD OCCURRED, AND THIS MORNING THE Third Floor WILL BE OPENED FOR BUSINESS, AND THE MILLINERY Advertised on Monday IS NOW ON SALE.

The Fourth Floor will remain closed until MONDAY next, when will commence the

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Stockholders' Meeting. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of "The Merchants' Loan & Trust Company" will be held at the office of the company in Chicago on the second day of January, 1883, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 12 o'clock m., for the election of Trustees to serve for the ensuing year, and also for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. HENRY E. LOWE, Secretary. Chicago, Dec. 20, 1882.

Stockholders' Meeting. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Chicago Hardware Mfg. Co. will be held at the office of the Company in Chicago on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1883, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it. S. S. NILES, Sec'y.

Stockholders' Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Chicago West Division Railway Company for the election of a Board of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, No. 59 State-st., Chicago, on TUESDAY, Jan. 9, 1883, at 10 o'clock p. m. GEORGE L. WEBB, Secretary.

WANTED, TO PURCHASE Board of Trade Membership. Address, with lowest cash figures, W H H, 129 La Salle-st.

COPARTNERSHIP. MR. JOHN B. HUGHES, of Chicago, Ill., has this day been admitted as a member of our firm. PERRY & CO. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1883.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT! ETTLINGER'S BANKRUPT STOCK, Sold by the SHERIFF for the benefit of the creditors, will be offered to the public at PRIVATE SALE At Ettlinger's former Store, 107 State-st., Today, Jan. 3d, and will continue until the entire stock of fine goods are disposed of. This elegant stock comprises a full line of everything desirable in Ladies' Outside Garments, both in

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Note the Bargains.

25 Seal Plush Dolmans, Bishop Sleeve, double box pleat in back, 52 inches long, lined with fine quilted silk for $20. This garment cost $40, and was sold for $50 throughout the season.

13 Alaska Sealskin Dolmans, trimmed with pointed beaver, $150. Sold two weeks before Christmas for $300. Comment is unnecessary; the goods speak for themselves.

60 Elegant Plush Jackets, satin quilted, lined, $20, just half price.

350 All-Wool Imported Dolmans for the unheard-of price of $5. These Cloaks cost from $15 to $25.00

Seal Sacques, Fur-Lined Circulars, Carriage Robes, Fur Trimmings, Fur Capes, all to be sold at ruinously low prices, as the store must be vacated and the business closed.

107 State-st.

ALL CITIZENS OF, AND TAXPAYERS IN THE Village of Hyde Park Are requested to meet in Social Hall, Grand Crossing, ON THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 4, 1883, AT 8 O'CLOCK, To act upon the following proposition:

First—Is it advisable to form a City Government for the whole Village of Hyde Park? Second—Is it advisable to divide the village into three villages, to be governed by Trustees?

The present deplorable condition of the finances of Hyde Park, and the extravagant use of the public funds, render it indispensable that some action be taken to lessen the burdens of the taxpayers, and reform the municipal affairs of the village. We therefore cordially invite all taxpayers to be present. A. J. BASSETT, Secretary. L. H. BISBER, Chairman.

FROM THIS DAY THE FAIR *Will Open at 8 a. m. Will Close at 7 p. m.* Great Losing-Money Sale for One Month. E. J. LEHMANN, State, Adams, and Dearborn-sts.

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WASHINGTON.

Continuation of Gen. Logan's Speech on Fitz John Porter's Case.

The House Industriously Inclined—A Funny Scene, with Neal as the Comedian.

Cottons Put Back to High-Tariff Figures by the Ways and Means Committee.

Malarial Fever Has Interfered with All but the Expense of the Mississippi Works.

Levees Openly Recommended—Civil Service—Lapsed Grants—The Monitors—Debt Reduction.

FITZ JOHN PORTER.

CONTINUATION IN THE SENATE OF GEN. LOGAN'S ORATION.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—"Dust in the road; attacked by four mules and a brush-pile." With this contemptuous sneer, Gen. Logan gave emphasis to his summary of the evidence in the Fitz John Porter case today. A tall, gray, eminently respectable-looking military gentleman, with close-cropped side-whiskers, tight-fitting coat, and black gloves, leaned forward upon his cane and smiled. Fitz John Porter, a close listener to the debate, smiles when the loyal people of the country sneer. "If this man had been a volunteer soldier, he would never have been permitted to stay in this country. A mere volunteer would never have had the audacity to come to ask to have this evidence spread before the world," Gen. Logan continued, and Fitz John Porter left the gallery. Gen. Logan spoke for

THREE HOURS MORE TODAY,

and did not quite finish. His argument was devoted to a careful analysis of the testimony before the court-martial, and to a refutation, step by step, of the proofs in the case which have been presented by military lawyers on behalf of Fitz John Porter. Gen. Logan showed that Porter obeyed no single order of Gen. Pope or of McDowell from Aug. 27 until 3 o'clock in the morning of Aug. 30, when Pope ordered him to report to him in person on the battlefield. Gen. Logan had a series of maps and diagrams representing the position of the armies at different periods of the battle, and by them he showed to the Senators, who gathered about him in groups, the effect which Porter's disobedience had upon the Union forces. Porter finally did reach Bristow Station almost a day late, and had not been there ten minutes when he wrote a letter criticising his superiors.

LOGAN GRAPHICALLY SKETCHED THE COWARDICE OF PORTER

when commenting upon his refusal to obey McDowell's order. McDowell had told Porter to put his troops at a certain place, when Porter said: "If I do put them there I shall get into a fight," and declined to obey the order. Fitz John Porter justified himself afterwards for this cowardice, or treason, by stating that McDowell had no authority to give him an order. Gen. Logan repeatedly quoted from the reports of the Confederate Generals to show that Porter was very wrong in his estimate of the position of the Rebel forces. He defied the friends of Fitz John Porter to point to any evidence that Porter ever tried to find the exact position of the enemy, even so much as to send a scout to the woods. The only force in Porter's front, said Gen. Logan, was one brigade of cavalry spread over three miles. Yet Porter had 12,000 infantry. "What officer," said Gen. Logan, "would permit

CAVALRY TO STOP AN INFANTRY FORCE?"

Gen. Logan today did not refer personally to Gen. Grant, except to mention "a certain article." "The truth is," said Gen. Logan, "Fitz John Porter was determined not to fight, and he was determined that Gen. Pope should be whipped that day, and he succeeded. If this man had been a volunteer soldier," repeated Gen. Logan, "he would never have been permitted to stay in this country." In vigorous, sinewy Saxon Gen. Logan thus inveighed against Fitz John Porter for three hours; and for another day retained to the end an attentive audience.

THE SPECH.

To the Western Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—At 1:25 the Senate resumed the consideration of the Fitz John Porter bill. Gen. Logan resumed his argument against the bill. In justification of his remark the other day about people sometimes changing their mind, Mr. Logan sent to the desk and had read two letters, one the letter of Gen. Pope to President Grant in April, 1874, stating that Gen. Porter claimed to have procured new evidence which would either acquit him or greatly modify the judgment of his case, and asking the President to examine the question, or have it examined and acted upon "so far as justice or mercy demands"; the other, the President's reply, saying he regarded the case as one of great importance, particularly to the army and navy; that he had read the evidence given before the court-martial, and also Gen. Porter's subsequent defense; had determined that, if he had been wronged, he (Gen. Grant) would right him so far as he could, and that he had come to the conclusion that

NO NEW FACTS HAD BEEN DEVELOPED,

and it was doubtful whether, by the action of the Executive alone, a new trial could be legally given. Mr. Logan said he would make no comment on President Grant's letter, but would leave it to be its own comment. Upon the question of the condition of the road which the friends of Gen. Porter said was incumbered with 3,000 wagons, Mr. Logan said he had made a calculation showing that these nine miles of road would hold just 950 wagons, instead of 2,000. The argument that Porter was not to blame for failing to obey promptly the 6:30 order was answered by the fact that he had received a prior order dated 4 o'clock on the 27th, stating that the enemy was moving upon the Union lines and he (Porter) must be ready at any moment.

Mr. Logan proceeded next to consider what he called the second branch of the case—namely: the question, Was there a battle on the 29th of August, 1862? One reason given by the Schofield board for their report in Gen. Porter's favor was that there was no battle that day, but only a skirmish. How the board could have reached that conclusion he could not understand, for it was directly contradicted by evidence, and upon this point he read from the testimony of Gens. McDowell, Reynolds, Schenck, Robinson, Grover, Birney, Sigel, and other Union officers, and also from reports of officers of Jackson's command, to show

THERE WAS A SEVERE BATTLE

that day. One of the division commanders under Longstreet that day (Gen. Wilcox) was now an officer of the Senate, and had told him (Logan) that his troops were engaged in the battle of the 29th.

Mr. Sewell—If the Senator succeeds in proving that, he will place the commanding General in a very bad position.

Mr. Logan—I will prove it by Gen. Wilcox, and by Lee, and by Longstreet.

Mr. Sewell—There is no question but Longstreet was there the 29th.

Mr. Logan—Yes; and I was in the fight, too.

Mr. Sewell—That has been always denied by Gen. Pope.

Mr. Logan—It makes no difference who denies it. I am talking about the fact. It is very strange, this constant effort to make this a trial of Pope.

Mr. Sewell—It ought to be.

Mr. Logan—Oh, yes; well, I make it a trial of Porter, and I will make this country understand, too, that it is Porter who is on trial for disobedience of Pope's orders.

Claiming to have shown beyond doubt that there was a battle on the 29th, Mr. Logan said the next question was:

DID PORTER RECEIVE ANY ORDER

to take part in that battle, and, if so, did he obey or disobey it? Porter arrived at Bristow Station at 9:30 a. m., and ten minutes later he wrote to Burnside, saying, among other things, that he thought his lucky star was up, and adding: "I hope Mac's star is up, too." What did that mean? "Mac" had been removed from the command of the army, and Pope had been put there in his stead, and the hope was to get Pope out and have "Mac" restored. That was the meaning of that remark. Again, Porter wrote in the same letter: "You will hear of us soon by way of Alexandria." Why by way of Alexandria? If the army was successful it would follow the enemy into the interior of Virginia; but Alexandria was the place to retreat to in case of defeat. There were only two ways to explain Porter's conduct: Either he was a coward, or else he did not intend to fight under Pope, and, as the Senator from New Jersey (Sewell) said he was not a coward, the other explanation must be accepted.

Mr. Sewell asked Mr. Logan whether he meant to convey the idea that Porter was on the flank of the Confederate army or anywhere near it.

Mr. Logan—No; I do not wish to convey the idea that he was on the Confederate army at all.

FOR HE WAS NOT.

But, if he had obeyed Pope's order, he would have been on the Confederate flank.

Mr. Sewell—The Senator does not understand the situation. The order of Pope contemplated his striking the left flank of Jackson, and not Longstreet, who was in his front.

Mr. Logan—Upon what authority does the Senator say Longstreet was in his front?

Mr. Sewell—Upon Longstreet's own evidence.

Mr. Logan denied that there was a large force in Porter's front, and read from Confederate reports to show that the "dust" of which Porter spoke was made by driving a few mules along the road with brush tied to their tails. [Laughter.] "Dust in the road!" said Logan. "Attacked by four mules and a brush-pile, and, though he had 12,000 men under his command, scared so badly he retreated! He wants to be restored to the army from which he was expelled because, when he was ordered to attack, he failed to obey on account of mules and brush! Why, if he had been a volunteer soldier he would not have been permitted to stay in this country.

THERE NEVER WAS A MAN

in the volunteer service who would have had cheek enough to come before Congress or any other tribunal and ask that this evidence should be spread out before the world." Logan said: "During my life I have served about seven years in the army. I do not wish to speak of what I have done myself, but I have been in a great many battles, and, if the time had ever been found during my whole experience where, with a command of 12,500 men, I would not have attacked any army anywhere if I had been ordered to do so, I should want to be kicked out of the army in disgrace. There is no excuse for this man's conduct. Have those who seek to excuse him never heard of the charge at Balaklava? Have they never heard of a forlorn hope?"

Mr. Logan gave way for a motion by Mr. Cockrell to go into executive session.

The doors reopened and the Senate adjourned.

IN THE HOUSE.

THE BILLS WHICH WERE PASSED YESTERDAY.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—The House met this morning with a strong disposition to proceed with business, and Mr. Kelley got the floor and secured attention to a batch of bills reported from the Ways and Means Committee, which were some time ago made a special order. Several of them were passed, although it seemed doubtful at first whether a quorum could be mustered. The first bill was one to allow tobacco and its manufactures to be exported in bond by rail as well as by vessel.

MR. HATCH, OF MISSOURI,

who has registered an oath that nothing shall be done for the benefit of tobacco-manufacturers until the tobacco-producer shall have been relieved, demanded a quorum on the passage of this bill, and nearly an hour was spent in obtaining one. At last 146 members exactly were mustered, and the bill passed. The next one, also recommended by the Treasury Department, and providing that Postmasters may administer oaths to importers of books which come through the mail, was adopted without dissent; as was also the bill to allow a drawback on distilling-worms for export.

ANOTHER BILL, OF MORE GENERAL INTEREST,

which was also passed, was the one to authorize a United States Commissioner to take acknowledgments of the transfer of registered bonds of the United States. At the present time it is sufficient that such a transfer shall be acknowledged before a notary public, and experience has shown that in this way many frauds have been perpetrated, both upon the lawful holders of bonds and upon the Government. If the bill which passed today shall become a law transfers of registered bonds hereafter must be acknowledged before a United States court or its Clerk, United States Commissioner, or the Clerk of any County Court of record.

ANOTHER BILL OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST

to mill-owners on the Canadian border, especially about Detroit, was also passed without objection. It provides that a Canadian farmer may bring grain into the United States by an ordinary conveyance, and have it ground by mills owned by citizens of the United States and carried back to Canada without payment of duty. The bill only legalizes a practice which has existed for many years. Toward the close of the day it was almost impossible to muster a quorum at any time, owing to the absence of so many Representatives in the Senate Chamber listening to the great speech of Logan on the Fitz John Porter bill, and every time that it became necessary to have a quorum messengers were sent in hot haste to the other wing of the Capitol for absentees.

A CLOSE SHAVE.

There was a rather funny scene in the House late this afternoon when, soon after the conclusion of a long wrangle, it had been determined to proceed with business on the Speaker's table. The first bill taken up was one to amend the charter of a street-railway company in Washington. This bill had come back from the Senate with an exceedingly important amendment, but the House was in a mood to do business, and was on the point of concurring in the Senate amendment when Mr. Neal, of Ohio, who was seated in a barber's chair in one of the cloak-rooms, heard what was going on. He bounced from his face with a towel, and,

FORGETTING HIS COAT,

bounced into the arena, demanding the Speaker's attention. When he had done this he ran back for his coat, which he pulled on hurriedly, and came again to the front minus collar and necktie. He was considerably embarrassed, but in dead earnest, and for once at least he commanded the attention of the House as he proceeded, with some incoherence and much volubility, to explain the demerits of the Senate amendment. There was a long wrangle over this amendment, which resulted in non-concurrence.

RICHELIEU ROBINSON

commences the new year by an assault upon the British Lion. He presented a resolution of inquiry to ascertain whether any army officer has acted as escort to any foreign passengers traveling through this country (meaning the Marquis of Lorne).

THE TARIFF.

IMPORTANT WORK OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE ON THE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—The schedule on cotton and cotton goods was taken up and finished today by the Committee on Ways and Means. A number of important changes were made in the rates specified in the first paragraph, as recommended by the Tariff Commission. As for the remainder of the schedule, the committee substituted the classification and rates recommended by the Association of Cotton-Goods Manufacturers. All yarns, warps, or thread, single or doubled and twisted, valued at not exceeding 25 cents per pound, were raised from seven and one-half cents to 10 cents per pound; those valued between 25 and 40 cents were raised from 15 to 16 cents; valued at between 40 and 50 cents were raised from 20 to 22 cents; valued at between 50 and 60 cents, were increased 25 to 27 cents; between 60 and 70 were increased from 30 to 35 cents each; between 70 and 80 were increased from 35 to 40 cents; valued at between 80 cents and $1 were made 50 cents. This latter is

A NEW CLASSIFICATION.

Yarns valued at over $1 per pound were made 50 per cent ad valorem.

In the paragraphs substituted for those recommended by the commission the rates are how lower than those given in the schedule of the commission, except in one or two instances. The committee added corsets of whatever materials composed, and fixed the duty at 40 per cent ad valorem. After completing the cotton schedule the committee returned to hemp and flax goods, and in the paragraph on linens, canvas, diapers, etc., restored the duty to 35 per cent ad valorem. This is the rate fixed by the commission, but the committee had increased it to 40 per cent. They also returned to

THE WOOL SCHEDULE

and struck out the paragraph on flannels, blankets, balmorals, and that which provides for goods valued at above 80 cents and less than $1 per pound, thus leaving goods of this class valued at 80 cents per pound the highest in classification, and subjecting them to a duty of 35 cents per pound, and in addition thereto 40 per cent ad valorem. Corsets having been made subject to a duty of 40 per cent ad valorem, horn-stripes, used in the manufacture of these articles, were placed on the free list. The schedule on sundries was taken up and one page completed.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE

has made very rapid work, and expects to complete its bill and report it to the Senate the latter part of this week. It has ignored the recommendations of the Tariff Commission as to the rate on tin-plates, the duty on which is to be left as it now is. Representatives of the wire manufacturers have arrived here with new complaints. They say that the Tariff Commission proposes to nearly double the rate on raw materials which they use, while it reduces the duty on the imported products. These wire manufacturers furnish most of the wire from which barbed fences are made.

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION—HIGHLY UNSATISFACTORY RESULTS SO FAR.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—The annual report of the Mississippi River Commission, dated New York, Dec. 1, was transmitted to the Senate today by the Secretary of War. The report contains an elaborate and detailed review of all branches of the work of the commission during last year. This last report is more positive than those preceding it in the advocacy and defense of the principles and the main features of the proposed plan of contracting the waterway in order to secure greater depth. The Commissioners now declare that the special methods proposed have passed beyond the experimental stages, and that the success of the recent work of the commission shows their correctness. The report says that special devices, such as permeable dikes and revetments, are still matters of experiment, not so much as regards their efficiency as their cost, and that to this point the earnest attention of the commission is now being directed. But the commission are already satisfied that

NO CHEAPER METHODS OF IMPROVEMENT

are known than those now proposed, and if these methods fail it is the opinion of the commission that it is questionable whether the improvement of the Mississippi is financially feasible. The report says: "It is yet too early to draw conclusions as to the cost of the proposed improvements. The work which has been done has been done under great difficulties. Bank-protection will be the main item of cost. This work at the Plum Point reach has cost, per foot, $12; at the Trinidad reach, $11.76; at the Delta Point reach, $14. As regards contraction works, the dikes on the Lake Trinidad reach have so far cost, complete with piles, foot-mats, etc., $3 per running foot.

LEVEES

The part of the report of the commission which will excite most comment is that relating to levees. This subject has hitherto been treated very cautiously by the commission, but they declare in this last official document "that they are now prepared to recommend as a part of a complete system of channel improvement levees of the following description: "The standard of elevation of levees should be sufficient to confine the floods frequently recurring within the intention of producing the maximum improvement at a minimum cost." But the commission say that the levees here contemplated would not be of sufficient height to protect the land from overflows during the great floods. The restraint of the great floods, which occur only at intervals, would involve a cost disproportionate to the injury which would be inflicted upon the maintenance and improvement of the channel by overflows occurring at such intervals. The system should be generally one of restraint in the interest of navigation."

GEN. COMSTOCK,

President of the commission, dissents from the views of the majority regarding levees. He thinks levees are of but little service in improving low-water navigation. The following is a summary of the remaining part of the report:

During the period of the flood last year little work could be done, and such as was done was only expected to avert undesirable changes in the channel. The necessarily great expense of the work and the cost of constructing and maintaining the extensive plant and equipment required had practically exhausted the appropriation at the end of the fiscal year, and all work was then suspended until the new appropriation became available. As soon as was possible work was resumed and has been in progress ever since, though the results so far accomplished have fallen very much short of even reasonable anticipations. The difficulty has lain in the absolute impossibility of obtaining the necessary labor. When the floods of last winter and spring had subsided the swamps were left full of water, which drained off but slowly, and in consequence of this

MALARIAL DISEASES

have prevailed along the River to an unusual extent. The local supply of labor has been very unreliable, especially during the cotton-picking season, and it was not found possible, nor was it deemed desirable, to import labor from the North until the sickly season was over. Labor on extensive levee construction along the river was a formidable competitor. In consequence of this the works, which require from 1,000 to 2,000 men for their prosecution, have been carried along by small gangs of from 100 to 250 men, with correspondingly meagre results. Usually this trouble seems now as an end. Labor is coming to Freely, and no further difficulty is anticipated from this source. By the act passed Aug. 2, 1882, the commission was relieved of the responsibility of carrying on the work directly, and by the direction of the Secretary of War it is now in charge of the Engineer Department of the Army, under the general supervision of the commission. Upon their recommendation the river below Cairo has been divided into

FOUR ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS,

each in charge of an officer of Engineers, under whose direction all improvement works of any kind in the district are carried on.

One important statement of the re-

port is to the effect that, of the $4,125,000 appropriated last August, only $950,000 will remain at the end of the current fiscal year available for continuing the work below Cairo for the next fiscal year. In other words, the unexpended balance at the beginning of the next fiscal year will be less than one-fourth of the amount asked for by the commission for that year. The report of the commission is not signed by Gen. Gilmore, who was kept from the recent sessions of the commission by sickness, nor is it signed by Capt. Eads.

CHAIRMAN BURROWS,

of the Select Committee on Mississippi River Improvements, today notified Gen. Comstock, President, and other members of the Mississippi River Commission to be here Thursday next to give their testimony respecting the practicability and value of the proposed improvements. The committee is very anxious to close this matter in order to submit its report to the House, that that body may take action upon it, and if considered needful make an appropriation.

FURTHER POINTS.

To the Western Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—The Mississippi River Commission's report, submitted to Congress today, shows that the amount expended from July 1, 1882, to Dec. 16, 1882, including the estimated liabilities, is $96,394. The balance estimated as required during the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883, is $91,780. The estimate for salaries and expenses of the commission for the next fiscal year is put at $200,000. The commission say: "We see no reason for doubting the ultimate entire success of the improvements. On the Upper Mississippi below Des Moines work is carried on in detached portions, and so far only at those places where navigation is most impeded; but on the Missouri only continuous work, beginning at some point of stable regimen, affords any prospect of success. By doubling or trebling plants, which cannot be done under the present allotment of appropriations, the work could be done in a much shorter time without an increase of the estimate cost." The report recapitulates in detail the plans upon which the commission is at work below Cairo, the main principle being a contraction of the width of the river and the protection of the banks, to secure the scouring out of the bottom, and the prevention of the formation of bars. The works have already passed beyond the experimental stage. They have received practical tests at various points on the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, and even recent work of the commission already shows their correctness. For carrying on the work at the harbors of Vicksburg, Natchez, and New Orleans, the lock at Bayou Plaquemine, rectification of the Red and Atchafalaya Rivers, and for cutoffs, crevasses and outlets as auxiliary to the works of channel improvements, $4,575,000 is wanted.

CONCERNING OUTLETS AND LEVEES

the report says: "The plan of improvement should include the control of floods in order to succeed in such general improvement as is described in the organic act creating the commission." The report recommends that provision be made by law for the appropriation by suitable proceedings of land and material necessary in any work of improvement of the Mississippi River undertaken by the Government. It recommends that provision be made for retaining control by the Government over areas reclaimed and built up from the river-bed by works of channel improvement. It is recommended that provision be made by law for the punishment of persons making or assisting to make any cut-off at any neck or bend in the Mississippi River, or in any manner interfering with its channel or bank. From that part of the report which relates to levees, one member of the commission, Gen. Comstock, dissents. He is of opinion that levees are of but little aid in the improvement of low-water navigation, and doubts, at present, the advisability of raising the levees on the banks of the rivers above the present grades.

CIVIL-SERVICE REFORM.

SOME OF ITS FRIENDS GREATLY ENCOURAGED AND SOME DOWNHEARTED.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—The reference of the Pendleton Civil-Service bill to the House Committee on Civil-Service Reform is deprecated by some of the best friends of civil-service reform, who say that if the Kasson bill was the best that the committee could do in the way of a reform measure they have very little hope that it will do anything except harm to the Pendleton bill. The committee itself appears to have lost interest in civil-service reform, for at a call meeting this morning only three members were present, including Calkins, who was only added to the committee a few days ago. Of course nothing could be done. An effort will be made to hold another meeting tomorrow.

CALKINS,

who seems to take a real interest in the matter, has been studying it today, and has formulated two or three amendments, which he desires shall be added to the Pendleton bill. One of them provides that the Civil-Service Commissioners shall draw up a schedule showing what officers and employes are to be appointed by the President, and what by the head, of departments. Another of his proposed amendments is that appointments in the mints and custom-houses throughout the United States, as well as in the departments in Washington, shall be distributed among the several States and Territories upon the basis of population. Another of Calkins' amendments excepts from the provisions of the act all postal-clerks and route-agents now in the service or hereafter to be appointed.

MR. KASSON,

however, is today credited with being less tenacious of his own bill, and as disposed to do what he can to make it sure that some bill shall become a law. Dorman B. Eaton, too, says he is greatly encouraged at the prospect of the passage of the Pendleton bill in the House. He thinks the House committee will report the bill promptly and favorably in the form in which it passed. There may be some amendments proposed, but the changes will not be material, and the bill will be reported as a substitute for the Kasson bill.

PUBLIC TREASURY.

THE MONTHLY STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—The following is a recapitulation of the debt statement issued today:

Interest-bearing debt—	
Bonds at 6 per cent continued at 3½ per cent	$ 63,905,200
Four and one-half per cents	250,000,000
Four per cents	738,960,550
Three per cents	308,900,850
Refunding certificates	676,750
Navy pension fund	14,000,000
Principal	$ 1,356,343,450
Interest	15,986,180
Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity—	
Principal	$ 14,857,020
Interest	446,854
Debt bearing no interest—	
Old demand and legal-tender notes	346,740,311
Certificates of deposit	9,565,000
Gold and silver certificates	127,469,519
Fractional currency ($15,850,026, less amount estimated lost or destroyed $2,275,000)	7,022,974
Total	$ 1,891,315,893
Unclaimed Pacific Railway interest	8,320
Total debt	
Principal	$ 1,857,248,350
Interest	15,986,180
Total	$ 1,873,237,030
Total cash in Treasury	172,924,016
Debt less cash in Treasury—	
Jan. 1, 1883	1,700,313,014
Dec. 1, 1882	1,699,962,909
Decrease of debt during month	13,413,128
Decrease of debt since June 30, 1882	31,976,765
Current liabilities—	
Interest due and unpaid	$ 1,456,912
Debt on which interest has ceased	14,857,020
Interest thereon	446,854
Gold and silver certificates	127,469,519
United States notes held for redemption of certificates of deposit	9,565,000
Cash balance available Jan. 1, 1883	149,097,779
Total	$ 302,893,084
Available assets—	
Cash in Treasury	$ 172,924,016
Bonds issued to Pacific railway companies, interest payable in lawful money	
Interest thereon, not yet paid	61,622,512
Interest earned, but not yet paid	1,938,705
Interest paid by United States	65,344,022
Interest credit by companies by transportation service	16,722,000
Interest by companies per cent earnings	55,120
Balance of interest paid by United States	48,566,922

THE MONITORS.

SECRETARY CHANDLER'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUBMITTING THE ADVISORY BOARD'S REPORT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—Secretary Chandler sent to Congress today the preliminary report of the Naval Advisory Board. The report recommends that an appropriation be made to complete the monitors Amphitrite, Terror, Monadnock, and Puritan, which recommendation the Secretary indorses. The amount asked for by the bureau officers and submitted to Congress in the estimates from the Secretary of the Treasury was $3,103,000 for the hulls and machinery of these monitors. Mr. Chandler, in his annual report, estimates and $1,838,500 will be sufficient for this purpose. The report of the Advisory Board states that the reports of previous boards and all the facts obtainable in reference to foreign armored vessels have been perused, and that it is deemed expedient, after thorough investigation, to complete the four vessels named. The hulls were found in excellent condition, and the recent launch of the Puritan and the sea-test of the Miantonomah have demonstrated, he thinks,

THE CORRECTNESS OF THE DESIGNS.

It is believed by the board that, when completed and furnished with guns and armament of the latest approved designs the monitors will be equal to any designed before 1879. Attention is called to the published reports that when launched the monitors would sink below the surface of the water. This statement is demonstrate to be false. The board further says that reliable calculations prove that, with the exception of two, they have higher gunwales in proportion to displacement than any freeboard hulls afloat; and mention is made of the injustice of comparing them with such ironclads as the Inflexible and others of the English and Italian fleets which are more than twice their size. Secretary Chandler does not favor completing the monitors under the contract of March 2, 1877, made by Robeson, but he maintains that there is nothing to show, however, that these contracts were not fair and reasonable. He also thinks the Government should pay a fair sum for the use of the yards occupied by the monitors in their incomplete state.

OFFICES.

SENATE CONFIRMATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—The Senate confirmed James Hunter of Missouri, as Surveyor of Customs at St. Joe, Mo.

Postmasters: George H. Etta, Marietta, Pa.; Charles H. Wilson, Plymouth, Pa.; Levin C. Peysert, South Bethlehem, Pa.; William C. Wiley, Washington, Pa.; Richard Heimbach, White Haven, Pa.; Francis M. Byrn, Streator, Ill.; Frank S. Myer, Eureka, Ill.; William E. McMullen, Gibson City, Ill.; Robert N. Hinman, Mount Vernon, Ill.; Ansel D. Brown, Burlington, Kas.; N. B. Klaine, Dodge City, Kas.; Ralph M. Easley, Hutchinson, Kas.; Alfred A. Rundle, Greenwich, Conn.; George F. Crowninshield, Central Falls, R. I.; William Verbeck, Holland, Mich.; Julius Boller, Bowling Green, O.; J. Allen Myers, Bryan, Tex.

NOMINATIONS.

Alex. P. Ketchum, of New York, Appraiser of Merchandise at New York.

Postmasters—George E. Reed, River Falls, Wis.; Ernest H. Windson, Ashland, Wis.; Giles Peake, Wadena, Minn.; Maleolm McLarty, Chatfield, Minn.; L. L. Ranstead, Ada, Minn.; Alex. M. Campbell, Salina, Kas.

LAPSED LAND GRANTS.

SENATOR GARLAND'S BILL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—In the report which accompanied the bill introduced in the Senate today by Mr. Garland, providing for the forfeiture of railroad grants in certain cases, the Judiciary Committee says:

Without undertaking to decide whether in all cases of default by the United States in railroads Congress can declare this forfeiture, the committee considered it best to adopt some measure that would avoid this question and place the interest of the antidotowns beyond doubt that would insure to each fair dealing and justice as far as can be done. They propose to direct the Attorney-General to institute the proper judicial proceedings against any railroad concerning that he may have reason to believe are in default as to the conditions of their grants to bring about a forfeiture and to secure the rights of the United States. The amount of the proceeding in the nature of information will bring the supposed defaulting company into court to be heard in defense against forfeiture, and the court can render such judgment as in its opinion will secure the Government not merely in declaring the forfeiture, if need be, but in declaring a resumption of the lands granted. Appeal will be allowed as in other cases in the courts.

LAPSED GRANTS.

The railroads for the benefit of which patents or certificates (as the case may be) have been issued for land lying opposit portions of such roads not completed within the period required by the law making the grant, and for which patents or certificates have been issued since the expiration of that period, are as follows:

St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba, acres patented, 547,519.

Western Railroad (formerly a branch of the St. Paul & Pacific), acres patented, 103,147.

Southern Minnesota Extension, acres certified but not patented, 189,553.

Hastings & Dakota, acres certified but not patented, 126,315.

Atlantic & Pacific, acres patented, 23,007.

NOTES.

MICHIGAN'S FAVORITE DARK HORSES.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—Three or four of the Michigan dark horses in the Senatorial race are members of the House, and they have denied themselves the privilege of a Christmas holiday in order to remain at the Capital and hold aloof for the lightning to strike them. Congressmen Horr, Spalding, Rich, Webber, and Hubbell are in Michigan, the last named pushing his chances, the others engaged in behalf of one or the other candidates. Spalding is known to be an ardent Ferry man. One of the dark horses said today that, if no caucus shall be held this week, it is almost certain that Ferry will be beaten. He thinks that, on the contrary, the holding of a caucus this week will probably result in Ferry's election.

REPRESENTATIVE HITT, OF ILLINOIS,

has already been made a shining mark for the attack of the woman-suffragists. The newspapers of the country are crediting him with having introduced a bill to repeal the woman-suffrage laws in the Territories. The criticisms upon Mr. Hitt on this account are quite undeserved. Mr. Hitt has introduced no such bill.

THE JEANNETTE INQUIRY.

To the Western Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—Lieut. Danenhower was recalled before the Jeannette Board this morning, and examined relative to the trouble between De Long and Collins. He made a statement of the difficulty, which was substantially the same as that heretofore published. When asked: "If you had had your eyesight and the command of the party when you landed, would you have remained thirty-five days at Jamesvealeck while the natives and exiles were looking for your shipmates?"

"I would have been forced to remain twenty days on account of the weather and the state of the party, but would have gone with them or sent some one with them if I had been unable to go. These two were sent as messengers to Belun for clothing, provisions, and transportation. They were not looking for our shipmates."

CONSULAR COURTS.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate this morning agreed to report favorably the House bill authorizing the abolition of Consular courts whenever the judicial system established there was satisfactory to the President.

RED-CLOUD

had a short interview today with Secretary Teller. He was accompanied by an interpreter. Contrary to expectation, he did not say a word about the affair at Pine Tree Agency, but confined himself to complaining that six years ago Gov. Crook took over 100 horses from him. He now asks that he be paid $10,000 damages. He will have another talk before he leaves for home.

IN THE STAR-ROUTE CASE,

testimony was taken relative to the expedition of the Kearney-Kent route, in Nebraska. Nothing new was elicited.

IN THE DICKSON CASE,

the argument for the prosecution was made by Mr. Wells. Mr. Smith then spoke on the part of Dickson, but before concluding he said he was unwell, and the court adjourned until tomorrow.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL BREWSTER

has gone to Altoona.

THE FUNERAL OF ELISHA ALLEN,

Hawaiian Minister, will take place Wednesday. The remains will be escorted to the depot by troops and removed to Boston for interment. The President and Cabinet will attend the funeral in the Unitarian Church here.

THE EXCESS OF EXPORTS

for the twelve months ended Nov. 30, 1882, was $1,434,836; excess of exports of gold and silver coin and bullion for the same period, $82,701,307; value of imports of merchandise into the United States for the twelve months ended Nov. 30, 1882, $750,647,820, an increase of $60,400,395; value of exports of domestic and foreign merchandise for the twelve months ended Nov. 30, 1882, $752,082,661, a decrease of $103,905,098.

HOMESTEAD CASES.

Secretary Teller, in the case of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway Company vs. Forger Jonson, involving title to certain lands at Fergus Falls, Minn., affirms the decision of Commissioner McFarland, and awards the land to Jonson. The question was whether the homestead entry was not within the limits of the railway grant. The Secretary held that the land was excepted from the grant to the railway.

In the case of Thomas O'Rourke vs. William Hurd, of Bismarck, Dak., on appeal from the Commissioner-General of the Land Office, Secretary Teller affirms the decision, and holds that Hurd never abandoned his homestead, as claimed, but still retains possession.

THE COINAGE

at the mint during December was $5,761,308, of which $3,140,765 is gold, $2,491,570 silver, and $129,023 minor coins.

THE RECORD.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—The President laid before the Senate a communication transmitting the report of the Mississippi River Commission, with maps, etc. Ordered printed.

Mr. Garland presented the remonstrance of certain merchants of Arkansas against the increased duty on tin plates. Referred.

Mr. Cockrell presented a petition from leading grocers in St. Louis for the reduction of the duty on sugar and the abrogation of the Hawaiian treaty.

Several petitions were presented for the passage of a bill giving an increased pension to one-armed and one-legged soldiers.

Mr. Pendleton presented memorials from the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, favoring the passage of the pending bonding whisky bill.

Mr. Garland, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported the original bill as a substitute for the bills referred to that committee, providing for the forfeiture of certain railroad land grants. In presenting the report Mr. Garland said the subject was a very important one, and that he would call up the bill as soon as the Fitz John Porter and the Presidential Succession bills were out of the way. The bill in brief authorizes the Attorney-General to institute suits in the name of the United States against the roads that were granted lands, and which had not patented the same, with a view of obtaining judgment of forfeiture, and provides that if within one year previous to the passage of the act the roads in question shall have made substantial progress in construction they shall be exempt from the judgment of forfeiture.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported favorably the House bill respecting the administration of justice in Tunis.

Mr. Cockrell introduced a bill to establish certain post-roads in Missouri.

Mr. McMillan introduced a bill to establish a post-road from Lake Park to Utica, Minn.

Mr. Vest introduced a bill to repeal Secs. 1 to 7 and Sec. 9 of the act amending the law in relation to the immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes. Referred.

At the close of the morning hour the calendar was taken up.

Gen. Logan then spoke on the Fitz John Porter bill.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

After the passage of two relief bills the Speaker proceeded with the call of States for the introduction of bills.

Among the bills was one by Mr. Harris of Massachusetts to transfer the administration of the revenue cutter service to the Navy Department; one by Mr. Holman of Indiana limiting to two years the period of presentation from the time the same accrued of claims against the Quartermaster's or Commissary Bureaus, and to one year from the passage of the act the presentation of claims of States for moneys expended in suppressing Indian hostilities.

At the conclusion of the call of States the House proceeded to the consideration of bills touching the administration of the Tax law. The first bill—one relative to the exportation of tobacco, snuff, and cigars in bond free of tax to adjacent territory—was passed. It places the tobacco exported by rail into Canada and Mexico on the same footing as the tobacco exported in vessels. The bill also passed to empower Postmasters to administer oaths to importers regarding their books.

The following were also passed: Bill amending the Revised Statutes so as to allow a drawback on distilling worms manufactured for export; authorizing United States Commissioners to take acknowledgments of the execution of United States bonds; and the Senate bill to permit grain brought by Canadian farmers to be ground in a United States mill adjacent to Canadian territory, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Treasury Department.

A bill was also passed providing that perique tobacco may be sold to any manufacturer or producer in the form of cerottes directly to the legally qualified manufacturer, to be used in the manufacture of cigarets of smoking tobacco without the payment of tax.

Mr. White, of Kentucky, offered as a substitute an amendment repealing the tobacco tax. Ruled out on a point of order.

Mr. Hatch, of Missouri, offered an amendment providing that no license shall be demanded of any person buying tobacco from a producer or grower. Ruled out on a point of order.

The bill then passed.

The bill to fix the term of office of Collectors of Internal Revenue promised to give rise to protracted discussion, and was withdrawn.

Twice during the consideration of the foregoing bills a vote was demanded, and it was only after great delay in each case that a quorum could be secured to pass between the tellers.

Mr. Cullom, of Illinois, moved that the House proceed to the consideration of business on the Speaker's table. Agreed to—yeas 90, nays 57.

The first bill on the table was the House bill for the extension of the Capital Railway north of O street and south of the Washington Railway, with a senate amendment relative to pavement laid between the tracks. The amendment was rejected and the House adjourned.

CHESTER HOWARD,

Denial of Mrs. Stillwell's Story of His Having Participated in the Killing of Three Persons.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Jan. 2.—Chester Howard, brother of Mrs. Emma Stillwell, of Knox County, Ohio, who is alleged to have confessed to having committed three murders, with the aid of her brother and mother, resides here, and works around at odd jobs. Howard says he knows nothing of the death of his brother-in-law (Swelgart) other than he stated before the Coroner's jury, which body declared Swelgart came to his death from intoxication. Mrs. Stillwell, her brother, nor mother were ever charged with or tried for the crime of murdering Swelgart, as she confesses. Howard says he never committed any crime, and never heard that Sweigart met his death by foul means. He believes his sister must be out of her right mind. He says he visited his sister last June at Ottumwa, Ia., where she was living with her husband, who was a brakeman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; that she then had poor health, and was thought to have consumption. Howard states if he had been guilty of any such crime as charged he would never have come back to Maryville, and if his sister has committed the crimes she confesses to he hopes she will live to be punished for them. He proposes to remain in Maryville and earn an honest living. Nothing has thus far come to light upon which to base his arrest.

A MOTHER'S SHAME.

Startling Confession of a Young Woman in Pennsylvania.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MERTZTOWN, Pa., Jan. 2.—Miss Maria Keyser, aged 21, made a startling confession in Long Swamp Township yesterday. She is a handsome young woman, and was employed as a nurse in the family of Levi Dieralf, whose wife is an invalid. This morning the dead body of a newly-born male child was found in a creek near by, and when the Coroner and his jury visited Mr. Dieralf's house their suspicions were aroused. The guilty party was not far away. Dr. Wertz made a hydrastic test and found that the infant lived after birth. The jury went up-stairs to Miss Keyser's bedroom. When the dead body of the child was shown her she became deeply affected, and then made a full confession of her crime. She said she had become a mother before daylight on the porch of the house; that she was alone at the time; that she walked about 200 yards to a creek and threw the child in the water; that it lived from the time it was born until when she threw it in; that she walked back to the house and went up-stairs unassisted; and that then went to bed where she still remains. She will be arrested when she can be safely removed. She makes no statement as to the paternity of the babe.

KILLED BY HIS OWN PISTOL.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PUEBLO, Colo., Jan. 2.—Last night at 11 o'clock Policeman L. M. Stem accidentally shot himself. He was in the back yard of his residence on Elizabeth street. His pistol dropped from his breast pocket and struck on the hammer, the ball taking effect in the region of the heart. He was an excellent officer, and his death is much regretted.

STATE AFFAIRS.

Cook County Receives the Nomination for Speaker from Both Parties.

Illinois Senators Bolting the Caucus—Complete List of the Two Slates.

Meeting of the Ohio Legislature—Gov. Foster's Views on the Liquor Question.

Gov. Cleveland's Plea for Decisive Reform of the Primary System.

First Blood for Ferry—Other Senatorial Contests—Congressional Elections to Fill Vacancies.

Opening of the Fight at Springfield—The Caucus and Its Results.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 2.—The principal occupation of the party managers today was to lie in wait for tardy members, check them off as soon as they showed up at the Leland, and keep track of the missing. The morning trains brought in a strong detachment of voting material, which was duly divided, taken into the two political camps, and properly marked and branded. The later trains brought in others, until the opposing forces were pretty fully represented. Two or three Republicans from the northwestern corner of the State were a little slow in presenting themselves, and late in the afternoon it was discovered that Stimming and Thomas of Cook had got lost, strayed, or been stolen. Their friends at Chicago were immediately notified by telegraph to secure their bodies and load them on the night train for Springfield. Gen. Pavey, Raum's Revenue Collector at Cairo; Ike Clements, one of the Chester Penitentiary Commissioners; Warden Salter and Alex Starkweather, of Joliet; and Herman Bonze, one of the Joliet Penitentiary Commissioners, all red-hot for Cullom; John B. Colton, of Galesburg, who is also attached to the Governor; Mike Piggott, Quincy's Postmaster, who isn't ex-Senator Jack Lee, of Peoria, a Bourbon to the backbone; ex-Representatives Chisholm, of Kane, and Pierson, of Greene, and a number of others elbowed through the crowd of legislators and place-hunters, and wandered in and out of the various headquarters. Gen. Rinaker put in an appearance towards noon and took possession of his headquarters, just opposit the dining-room.

GEN. OGLESBY

arrived at last on the 4:15 train, and opened up in No. 4, where he received a long list of callers in his inimitably hearty style. The Republicans bothered themselves very little during the morning about the question. In fact, Collins' election had been virtually conceded the day before, and the keenest search failed to develop any other candidate or any schemes or combinations to shove him aside. Ike Morrison dropped into Collins' headquarters early in the morning, and jocularly remarked that he had some friends who wanted to be taken care of. The contest for the other positions, however, raged as fiercely as before. In the meantime the Senate Republicans were badly torn up over the Cullom and anti-Cullom war, with each party alternately claiming the victory up to the hour of going into caucus. Three of them apparently held the key to the situation, and their existence for the time being was made a burden to them. While the members of the two Houses were thus busying themselves over the details of organization, negotiations of a more important character were under way in another quarter. Cullom, Raum, Henderson, and Rinaker

ATTENDED STRICTLY TO BUSINESS.

Gov. Oglesby was late on the ground, but improved the opportunities while he tasted. As Gov. Cullom's intimate backers figured it out, the Oglesby and Raum forces were almost in danger of melting away after a ballot or two. Cullom was represented as the alleged second choice of every fellow with a few votes to throw, and this large number of second choices, it was claimed, would sooner or later settle this amicable little dispute. It was rumored during the day that Representative Parish, of Cook, acting on behalf of Senator Logan, had tendered Mr. Morrison, and several of the dark horses in the Senatorial race, an indeterminate quantity of the general public, alleged to be hungry for a new deal, whatever that may mean, had been abroad sowing the seeds of discontent and stirring up strife.

Parish's alleged offenses consisted in having dallied with a number of Democrats and intercepted them in a scheme to engineer a resolution through their caucuses opposing either Cullom's or Hamilton's election on the ground of their alleged constitutional ineligibility. Once out of the Democratic caucuses the resolution was to be fired into both Houses and passed by Democratic votes and the aid of the few Republicans whom Parish was supposed to have at his back. Once passed, the resolution would at least be binding on those who voted for it, and any Republican who thus voted could raise it as a bar to his voting for Cullom in case he should become the caucus nominee. This story

WORRIED THE CULLOM MANAGERS

not a little, and was one of the principal topics for discussion and investigation during the afternoon. The Democrats did nothing to counteract a current impression that the scheme was to be broached in their evening caucuses. Mr. Parish, when tackled on the subject by THE TRIBUNE correspondent, said that no such proposition had been made either to Democrats or Republicans, and the idea of bolting the caucus, even by indirection, was simply preposterous. But there were a good many Republicans in the Legislature who had made up their minds that the State needed a new deal and who were opposed to the elevation to the Senate of any man who proposed to get there through the manipulation of official patronage. They had no particular candidate as yet but Ike Morrison himself. George Hunt, Congressman Payson, Clark E. Carr, and Gov. Oglesby had been prominently mentioned as men whose election would be a blow at the machine and which would satisfy the great mass of the people. The only proposition that had been broached among the "new-dealers" provided for a meeting at an early day to formulate a program.

The Republicans of the House

HELD THEIR CAUCUS

at the Leland Hotel this evening. The caucus was called to order by Fuller, of Boone, and on motion of Mitchell, of McLean, John N. Pearson, of Madison, was selected as Chairman. Mr. Mitchell was then unanimously nominated for temporary Speaker, after which Mr. Fuller, in a brief but graceful and eulogistic speech, nominated Lorin C. Collins, Jr., of Cook, for permanent Speaker. His nomination was warmly seconded by Crews, of Jefferson, and Littler, of Sangamon; no other candidate being named, Mr. Collins was nominated unanimously on a rising vote. He returned thanks for the high compliment paid him, and displayed some emotion in alluding to the remarkable unanimity and good feeling displayed toward him. Mr. Collins pledged himself to do all in his power, not only to prevent any breaches in the party but also to bring all factions and elements into harmony.

Mr. Collins has become so well known in State politics within the past few years that any extended sketch of his career is unnecessary. He was born in Windsor, Conn., but removed with his parents to St. Paul, Minn., in 1852, residing in that State until they came to Illinois, in 1861. He enjoyed the advantages of a thorough collegiate education, graduating with honor from the Northwestern University at Evanston, in 1872. Mr. Collins studied law in Chicago with the firm of Clarkson & Van Schaack, and was admitted to the bar two years after his graduation from college. Since that time he has

PRACTICED SUCCESSFULLY

in Chicago, and has taken a very active part in politics. Residing at Norwood Park, he has for three successive terms been elected virtually without opposition to represent the Seventh Senatorial District in the House. At each of the sessions in which he has served he has made his influence felt and gained considerable reputation as an effective speaker, a ready debater, a skilled parliamentarian, and a shrewd party leader. He is the youngest man who has become Speaker of the House in Illinois, being but 34 years of age, and his nomination is all the more complimentary because it was obtained without unseating any Chairmanships of committees and the other patronage of the position in order to secure support.

Mr. Collins declares that he proposes to award those positions, as far as is possible, to the men who are entitled to them by merit and experience.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 2.—None of the Senatorial candidates took any part in the Speakership question and none of them can claim the result as the first knock-down in the Senatorial fight. It was simply a

PERSONAL VICTORY

for Mr. Collins, and a well-deserved one at that. When it comes to a caucus on the Senatorial question Mr. Collins will vote as his own preferences may dictate. What they may be he has not yet indicated. One thing he has said he will not do—namely: use his new position to advance or oppose the interests of any Senatorial aspirant. The several candidates accepted and believed his frank, straightforward statements to this effect long before his nomination, and its unanimity was largely due to this fact.

When the matter of the Speakership had been thus satisfactorily settled, the contest for the other elective officers began. For Clerk, Crews, of Jefferson, nominated John A. Reeve, of Cairo, who was Clerk of the last House. Dr. Walker, of Du Page, nominated Willis Hawkins, of Aurora; and Bethea, of Lee, nominated Joseph Allison, of Whiteside. Reeve was successful on the first ballot, as a matter of justice to Southern Illinois, Cook County having been given the Speakership. The other successful candidates were: First Assistant Clerk, Joseph Allison, of Whiteside, a wounded soldier; Second Assistant, Dailey D. Dawson, Chicago; Third Assistant, R. C. Hitt, La Salle; Doorkeeper, Capt. Lindsey Steele, of Chester; First Assistant, Edwin Smith, of McLean (colored); Second Assistant, the Rev. Archie Ward, of Peoria (colored); Third Assistant, J. W. Heiderman, of Massac County.

Postmaster, John A. January; Assistant, Lizzie Gilmer, of Pike; Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk, Miss Clara Patten, Quincy; First Assistant, William L. Allen, Springfield; Second Assistant, A. R. Dow, of Boone.

Messrs. Morrison, McFie, and Cooke were appointed a committee to consider the

BRADWELL CONTEST,

and report to the Chairman. This means that no attempt will be made to seat Bradwell until after the temporary organization tomorrow. The caucus then at midnight adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman. It is understood that Willis Hawkins, who was defeated for Clerk of the House because he lived too near Chicago, will be Speaker Collins' private secretary.

The Senate Republican caucus split in two a little short of the middle, but was the most interesting in the series. The anti-Campbell movement broke down owing to the wabbling attitude of some of the rural brethren, and the Campbellites, with a majority of votes, were able to keep the pack from cracking through their slates. It has been the fashion for several years back to form a close corporation on the Senate patronage, pass it around among the favored few, and leave the "dummies" out in the cold. The venerable Senator Rice, of Ogle, who had a candidate to urge for some minor position, discovered, as he says, that he was to be made one of the victims of this biennial

GAME OF FREEZE-OUT,

and quietly resolved to stay out of the caucus. Senators Whiting and Snyder claim to have learned that they were to be put in the same boat with Senator Rice, for example. Senators White, Clough, Mamer, and Ruger, who must have got an inkling of the punishment which the Campbellites are said to have prepared for them, concluded to do likewise. Senator Sunderland was not in the city. There was no politics whatever about it, but simply a question of what they called a fair divide. When the politicians about the Leland heard of the break, they were at first in considerable fear lest the split might stir up bad blood and perhaps drag itself into the Senatorial fight, and the precedent of 1879 was cited as one to start out with. The caucusing Senators numbered just twenty-three, or three less than enough to carry out their slate in open Senate. They took three hours to perfect their program, and then pointed to the number of their ballots to show that the thing was

NOT COOKED UP.

Both sides are stiff, and the Senate is not likely to be organized until Mahomet goes to the mountain or the mountain gets up and walks over to Mahomet. Whether it will be more serious than that remains to be seen.

The caucus slate is as follows: President pro-tem, W. J. Campbell, of Cook; Secretary, L. F. Watson, of Iroquois; First-Assistant, Frederick W. Root, of Cook; Second-Assistant, E. E. Mitchell, of Williamson; Bill Clerk, Edward I. Boles, of De Kalb; Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk, R. W. Gates, of Kane; Finance Clerk, F. W. Wright, of Boone; Second Assistant, F. D. Hitchcock, of Clay; Postmaster, J. P. Fredericks, of Ford; Assistant, Henry Gulnett, of Ottnton; Sergeant-at-Arms, W. W. Wilcox, of La Salle; First Assistant, W. M. Robbins, of Cook; Second Assistant, C. S. Bayer, of Pope; Police, A. G. Anderson, Richard Taylor, and James Hollinger; Janitor of the Cloak-Room, Robert Forston.

THE DEMOCRATS,

unable to deliver anything in the shape of offices in either House, had a somewhat more pleasant time of it, though Tom Merritt did break out of the Senate caucus and organized a little bolt all by himself when the party pronounced in favor of Tom Shaw, of Marshall, as the proper recipient of a complimentary vote for President pro tem. The Senatorial question was kept in the background, and the fired shots from the caucus rostrum failed to materialize. The Democratic Senators apparently concluded that the place to make their fight was on the floor of the Senate further on, and adjourned after appointing a committee to see that the minority secured proper representation on the standing committees.

The House Democrats met in caucus with Billings, of Madison, presiding.

AUSTIN O. SEXTON,

of Cook, received a well-deserved compliment in being unanimously chosen as party candidate for Speaker. Quinn, of Peoria, was selected as the nominee for temporary Speaker, and a steering committee to look out for the interests of the party was appointed, consisting of Linegar, Yancey, Gregg, Herrington, Day, and Quinn. No other action was taken. E. M. Holmes, at last accounts, was still undecided whether to make any contest for the Speakership. Leading Democrats like Jim Herrington openly admit that the Republicans have shown too much grit to allow any "funny business" tomorrow, and that Collins will be elected by seventy-seven Republican votes and without any friction in the machinery.

Meeting of the Ohio Legislature—Gov. Foster's Views on the Liquor Question.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 2.—Nothing out of the usual order marked the beginning of the adjourned session of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly of the State of Ohio, which reassembled here today. The message of Gov. Foster was submitted to both branches of the Legislature at half-past 3 o'clock. After making a minute review of the financial condition of the State finances and the condition of the various institutions and their financial requirements, the Governor says that the report of the Board of Public Works discloses the fact that the revenues were not sufficient to provide for their ordinary care or to repair the damages to them occasioned by the floods of the last season. "The subject of the future relation of the State to the public works is one that must soon be seriously considered, and its policy definitly declared. Should it become the policy of the State to dispose of all or any portion of the public works, then I would urge the ascertaining of what the State owns pertaining to the portion proposed to be parted with, and have a careful valuation made by competent authority, and when the property is accurately described and its value determined the sale to be made to the highest bidder, but at not less than the appraised value." His Excellency says that

THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

of the State has a surplus over expenditures, and that "graveyard" insurance companies have been driven out of the State. Loosness in the conduct of companies has been in the main corrected, and has given way to sound management. A most salutory influence has been exercised, and the business of insurance has been elevated and advanced to a condition of safety to the public that is gratifying in the same.

The portion of the Governor's message on railroads and telegraphs was published in THE TRIBUNE over a month ago. All the other State departments were officially referred to, and highly recommended for the way they have been managed. The Governor renews the recommendation he made last year for an Advisory Board of Pardons and the erection of a dwelling-house for the Governor of Ohio.

"THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

will bring to your attention a question that engages the thoughts of the people more deeply and seriously than any other subject that will come before you. The enormity of the evil is admitted by all, as well as its disastrous effects upon society; and the magnitude of the burdens of taxation imposed by it on the people through private and public charities was never so great as at the present time. When the present Constitution was adopted a clause was voted into it by the people under the belief that through it would be secured a greater restraint to the traffic than had previously existed. Experience has shown that, instead of greater restraint, we have practically free trade in liquor, not only six days in the week, but on Sunday also. In fact, in many localities Sunday, instead of being, as the law and well-being of society demands,

A DAY OF REST

and recreation, has become a day of rowdyism and carnivals; instead of being the most orderly, it has become the most disorderly day of the week. It is a humiliating fact that we have in Ohio today more than 16,000 places where the unrestrained traffic is carried on—taking the hard-earned wages from many thousands of our citizens, whose families need the money thus worse than thrown away. This entire traffic—the amount of which in round numbers will probably exceed $70,000,000 annually, much of the larger portion of which is profit—contributes but a tithe of the burden it imposes upon the public through the crime and pauperism created by it. The laws upon our statute-books, enacted by both of the great political parties for the avowed purpose of limiting and restraining the evil effects of this traffic, are to all intents and purposes, except in a few localities, inoperative. It is earnestly hoped that a practical measure of restraint can be enacted, and through it the evils of the traffic materially reduced. I have

GIVEN THIS SUBJECT MUCH THOUGHT

and careful study, and while it is not pretended that if the recommendations and suggestions here made are enacted into statutes and put into successful operation, all of the good results desired by our people will be secured, it is nevertheless confidently believed that thereby would be secured a gratif

the selection of those who man-
rent departments should be
ed. The protection of the peo-
primaries will, it is hoped, be
the early passage of a law for
which will rid the present sys-
ils which surround it, tending to

FRAUD THE PEOPLE

ely connected with their priv-
ens. It is confidently expected
no represent the people in the
slature will address themselves
ment of such laws as are for the
the citizens of the State, to the
special legislation and interfer-
ais which should be managed
ies to which they pertain. It is
right of the people to admiais-
government, but it should be
duty to do so. Any departure
trine is an abandonment of the
pon which our institutions are
a concession of the infirmity
ailure of the theory of a repre-
m of government."

**tion in Michigan—Senator
riends Still Confident of His
ss.**

Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

Mich., Jan. 2.—Mr. Hubbell left
at 5 o'clock tonight solitary and
Evening News says: "Jay Hub-
the office floor of the Russell
morning neglected and alone,
in his hand a bunch of newly-
rs and dispatches. Mr. Hubbell
e for the wear of the anti-Ferry
nd really is physically as well as
nwell. A special from Lansing
ator Ferry is holding continuous
om No. 116 Lansing House, and
rces as yet present a solid front,
aders confidently assert that they
a man. Diligent inquiry among
ers indicates this to be true, and
y defection it has not yet been

s has earnestly opposed Ferry,
ditorially tonight: "All talk is
y notwithstanding, the News is
fate beyond question that James
cted Senator, will gladly qualify
e State, and, notwithstanding his
re, devote six years of his life, if
m, and whatever ability he pos-
duties of the positions." A num-

OMINENT DETROIT MEN
ng still, hoping and struggling
ays.

dispatch from Lansing says: "The
ave called a meeting of confer-
Lansing House parlors this even-
ot exactly the nature of a caucus,
ume that shape before it closes.
ces, of Lansing, will be their
Senator, and they propose to
rees in hand, so as to be able to
ape of a break in the Republican
tingency not likely to arise."

Chicago TRIBUNE is in great de-
ownight, by reason of its expos-

ON THOMPSON'S COURSE

g Collector Bell's retirement and
son's) appointment to that pos-
with whom your correspondent
ed, applaud Senator Ferry for
any reply to the Mayor. A per-
ch from one of the most saga-
ion at Lansing has been shown
pondent, and it reads as follows:
is will be found to be a fair and
tion is baffled and demoralized.
and Tribune machine will not
true next Thursday night will
d time for the Senatorial caucus.
Daily Citizen has three columns
favorable to Ferry, including the
underland letters, copied from
ME.

THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS AT
LANSING.

Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

Mich., Jan. 2.—The Senatorial
s had to give way today some-
more interesting one of the or-
of the two branches of the Legis-
tends of the various candidates
of the Senate and House have
n force, and the buttonholing that
ue must have been very trying to
e of the members, if not destruct-
rainment. Republican caucuses
at 6 o'clock in the House and
the opposition went through the
f the parlors of the Lansing House
aterial disturbance. The contest
ublican Representative caucus for
ship was very spirited and close,
of ballots being taken. Aside
espective merits of the two con-
e prohibition and Senatorial ques-
d quite largely into the struggle.
ditors for the position were the
er, Hopkins, of Genesee, and the
e H. Hopkins, of Wayne. The
regarded as the standard-bearer
ibitionists, and favorable to Sen-
Maj. Hopkins was non-com-
oth questions. After a

HOT-BLOODED DEBATE

tion of receiving the vote of Rep-
Cook, of Muskegon, elected on
dent ticket, which resulted in his
rred, Mr. Howard was nominated
ond formal ballot, and the same
unanimous, Mr. Hopkins was
for Speaker pro tem. The elec-
Howard is regarded as the first
for Mr. Ferry. Daniel L. Cros-
d and efficient Secretary, was re-
by acclamation.
wing gentlemen were elected as
the Senate: Secretary, E. S. Ho-
tist; Assistant Secretary, J. D.
t Kalamazoo; Enrolling and En-
clerk, Walter I. Hines; Assistant
William Scudder, of Barry; Ser-
rms, William Crossett of Ionia;
Sergeant-at-Arms, J. C. Lombard,
; Second Assistant Sergeant-at-
Boutell, of Macomb; Messenger,
rrum from Detroit in today's Tribu-
ing.

EX-SENATOR CAPLIS

ition on the Senatorial question
d that gentleman's ire, and he
vehemence very that it does utin great
nd that he pronounces it wholly
ndation. So far from being op-
nator Ferry, he says he is in favor
ction of the Senator. Mr. Ferry
s gaining in strength, and his
t very confident of his success.
arrived in Lansing this evening,
m at the Lansing House is a scene
ulation. It is yet too early to
confident prediction of the out-
fight, which will be very warm.

**ska Senate Controlled by the
s and the House by the Re-
s.**

Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

Neb., Jan. 2.—The Legislature
oday, and both Houses proceeded
. The Republicans caucused
g on Senate officers and this af-
officers of the House. In the
Democrats and Anti-Monopolists
nd elected everything from Chief
to Doorkeeper. A straight Re-
G. M. Humphrey, was elected
the House by a small majority
ition candidate. The Republic-
cted a majority of the other offi-
Houses are now thoroughly or-
nd ready for business. Hav-
ed the Senate, the fusion-
probably stick together and
machine their own way.
now the Senate is in the hands
moorats and Anti-Monopolists,
House has a small working ma-
publicans. The Senate has thirty-
bers, and all are present. The
a membership of 100, all of whom
The standing committees have not
nounced. The Governor's mes-
read tomorrow.

**ion of the Minnesota Legis-
—The Senatorial Contest.**

Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

, Minn., Jan. 3.—The Minnesota
met at noon today and organ-
election of Laren Fletcher, of
s, Speaker; C. W. Johnson, Mis-
ecretary of the Senate; and J. D.
St. Cloud, Clerk of the House.
usiness was transacted. The Gov-
ssage is not yet finished. It was
today that it would be delivered
afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Sen-
tion is still in abeyance. No one
peak or work openly for Windom.
it runs his headquarters in star-
shion. The difficulty seems to be
anti-Windom men cannot only
their forces so as to mass
his opposition. There are a good
men, but they have no common
d cannot unite upon a candidate.
e only a few votes his can com-
nself. Ex-Gov. Cash K. Davis,
Gilmour, Gov. Hubbard and
Gordon E. Cole have each a few supporters, but the whole anti-Windom force is nominally of Republican membership. Dunnell's program is to prevent a caucus and make a coalition with the Democrats. It is impossible to find a candidate to unite such a heterogeneous combination, and the Democrats

WILL NOT TAKE KINDLY

to the scheme. It is believed that many Democrats, if forced to a choice between Republicans, would prefer Windom to Dunnell. Mr. Windom's friends are more confident this evening than ever before. Senator Pillsbury said to THE TRIBUNE representative that he felt certain that more than seventy-six Republicans, or a majority of both Houses, would take part in the Senatorial caucus and abide by its decision. From other sources it was learned that a number of those who had been classed as doubtful were found to be earnest friends of Windom, and the recorder was given a glimpse at a list of those believed to be certain to vote for him on the first ballot, which embraces eighty-three names. The House and Senate caucuses last night have strengthened the hopes of the Windom men. They were fully attended, and it is thought the members who went into caucus to nominate legislative officers will stay until the Senatorial caucus is held. Windom's nomination on the first ballot is certain.

Annual Report of the Indiana State-House Commissioners.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 2.—The report of the State-House Commissioners shows the amount thus far paid for construction to be $[illegible],961. The estimated cost of the building by the contractor was $762,207. The amount allowed by law for building is $2,000,000. The board has deemed it advisable to refund the whole amount allowed. The total amount to the credit of the State-House fund has been $968,960. The total amount expended, including construction, salaries, printing, percentage withheld, etc., is $[illegible],514; leaving in the treasury, Jan. 1, $[illegible],445. When to this is added $70,000 to be derived from the tax in January, and $84,000 in July, the amount available for expenditures in 1883 is $220,445. The estimated expenditures during the year aggregate $387,850, leaving an estimated deficiency of $47,404 to be provided for. The estimated deficiency for 1884 is $131,827, and for 1885 $91,239; making the sum of the deficiencies to be provided for $270,471, that is to say, a two-cent tax levy falls that much short of expenditures that ought to be made. As to the request of the contractors, that the Legislature make them an allowance to reimburse them for losses, the board

RESPONDS AS FOLLOWS:

"The board respectfully asks your serious consideration of the matters contained in this communication from the contractors, especially that part pertaining to losses already incurred, and their inability to progress any further without an increase in the price of the work still to be done. Hoping that such legislative action will be had as may be necessary to secure an early completion of the building, the board does not believe that the present law provides a sufficient remedy to meet existing circumstances, and is of the opinion that specific provisions should be made, if it is deemed best to have the work completed by the present contractors. An enlarged power should be conferred on the board if it is desired to relet the work to others. The material and workmanship of the building, they believe, will compare favorably with similar work anywhere, yet they are not aware that they have required of the contractors any thing that is fair and intelligent understanding of the specifications demands. It has been the aim of the board to be as lenient to the contractors as a faithful discharge of the trusts committed to them would permit, and it is hoped that some satisfactory settlement of existing difficulties may be reached and the work carried on without delay."

Extracts from the Message of the Governor of Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 2.—The Senate has chosen John E. Reyburn for its President. The soldiers' orphan schools will close in 1885, the Governor says, and provision should be now made for children who will be in the wards of the State at that time. He can scarcely contemplate that they are to be dismissed without homes or help, as such a course would make the endowment of the schools unworthy the years of effort and expenditure so grandly sustained without regret by the people. He condemns the "graveyard insurance business" by saying it is not worthy the name of insurance; it is without substance, and may fail to pieces any moment. To the Legislature the Governor says: "You are legislators of no mean empire. In population almost equal, in commerce, in manufactures, and in wealth it surpasses the England of Elizabeth. Pittsburg, our second city, contains today twice as many people as London of Cecil and of Shakspeare, and Philadelphia has double the number of London of Milton and Cromwell."

At the meeting of the Senate Reyburn, Lee, and Hall were placed in nomination for President pro tem. The first ballot resulted: Reyburn, 23; Hall, 20; Lee, 7. Reyburn was chosen on the second ballot.

In the House John E. Faunce, Democrat, was chosen Speaker—111 to 88. P. Gray Meek was chosen Chief Clerk.

Both Houses adjourned after hearing the message read. At the Democratic caucus of the House James Hazen, of Allegheny, was selected as Sergeant-at-Arms and Joseph F. Fenton, of Bucks, Postmaster.

Gathering of Legislators at Indianapolis.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 2.—The crowd of hungry applicants for office has taken full possession of the hotels and of the unfortunate members of the Legislature who happen to belong to the majority. The Republican members console themselves over being in the minority by the reflection that their lives are not made a burden by the importunate horde. It is impossible to tell at this time what combination will win in the contest for organization. The only thing that looks at all certain is the election of Dr. S. W. Edwins, of Madison County, as Clerk of the House of Representatives. Nothing attracts attention now but the struggle for office. Even the fate of the constitutional amendments is not considered for the time, nor what shall be done with Gov. Porter's appointments on the Asylum Boards.

Gov. Hendricks is reported to have said to a reporter relative to a civil-service reform: "It has been my experience that the best way to secure such reform is to put the right men in office." He continued laughingly: "Isn't it a remorseless spectacle that the Democrats have been kept out of office for twenty years because the Republicans said they were not entitled to the places, and now when there is a chance for them to get in it is proposed to legislate them out?"

Plumb Certain of Re-election to the Senate from Kansas—Tom Osborn's Candidacy.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

TOPEKA, Kas., Jan. 2.—Although the Kansas Legislature does not convene until Tuesday of next week, the members-elect are already arriving and securing rooms for the winter. Gov. Glick and family will occupy a suite of rooms at the new Copeland Hotel. Senator Plumb arrived home from the East yesterday for the purpose of arranging the preliminaries of his canvass for reelection. Very little opposition to him has so far been developed, and it is the general belief that his election is fully assured. T. D. Thacher, of Lawrence, will have no formidable opposition for reelection as State Printer. Outside of the Senatorial election, the greatest interest is manifested in the question of redistricting the State for Congressional purposes. The railroad and temperance problems also add a degree of interest, but no information is furnished of the action to be taken in regard to this matter. The temperance people will hold a convention during the first week of the session. They expect 1,500 delegates. This meeting was called for the purpose of strengthening the prohibition element in the Legislature and mapping out a program for prosecuting the temperance work throughout the State.

Meeting of the Missouri Legislature Today.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 2.—The Missouri Legislature will meet at Jefferson City tomorrow, and members are arriving by every train. The permanent organization may be delayed one or two days. Caucuses will be held Wednesday evening to name candidates for Speaker of the House and other offices. Indications are that there will be a strong prohibition lobby present, and that the question will be earnestly pressed on the Legislature. Gov. Crittenden's message will be long, and will treat of State subjects in extenso—education, immigration, suppression of outlawry, and public expenditures being the chief among them.

Special Elections to Fill Congressional Vacancies in Ohio and Alabama.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Jan. 2.—The election in the Seventeenth District of Ohio to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. T. Updegraff was held today. It is conceded that Taylor, Republican, will have 1,500 majority over his opponent, Alexander. A very light vote was cast.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Jan. 2.—Gen. Joseph Wheeler, Democrat, defeats McClellan, independent, for the unexpired term from the Eighth Alabama District in the Forty-seventh Congress, by 2,000 majority. The Republicans took no interest in McClellan's election.

Elections at Frankfort, Ky.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 2.—Edmund H. Taylor Jr. was tonight reelected unanimously by the Council Mayor of the city for the next two years. Franklin V. Gray was elected City Clerk. Mr. Taylor, who is one of the largest distillers in the United States, is well known in Chicago, and is quite ill at his home in South Frankfort.

Nominations in the Maine Legislature.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 2.—The Republican caucus nominated John L. Cutler for President of the Senate and J. Manchester Hayes for Speaker. The Fusionists nominated William M. Rust for President of the Senate and C. A. Spofford for Speaker.

OBITUARY.

Death of O. W. Golt, the Coal Merchant.

Another of Chicago's best known and one of its oldest citizens is called away. Mr. Orson W. Golt, the coal-dealer, died at noon yesterday, at his residence, No. 58 Throop street, after a long illness, his disease having been a complication of rheumatism, contraction of the liver, and disease of the kidneys. Mr. Golt had been more or less a sufferer from rheumatism and rheumatic gout for ten years past. Upon several occasions he went to the Hot Springs in Arkansas. The water of which always greatly benefited him. Last September he was taken with one of his rheumatic attacks, and he hoped to recover sufficiently to enable him to try again the benefits of the waters. He was better one day and worse the next, and he was unable from that time on to attend to his business. The worst came about four weeks ago, when he was compelled to take to his bed, his disease having taken on a more dangerous form, involving, as it did, his stomach, liver, and kidneys. For nearly three weeks prior to his death he was unable to take any nourishment, as his stomach would retain no food. He gradually sunk, until he fell into a sort of comatose state last Friday, from which it was not expected that he would rally. Saturday afternoon, however, consciousness returned sufficiently for him to recognize every member of his family, whom he kissed. His only wish was that he could live longer, so as to make his children more comfortable, but of the future he had no dread. Later on he became somewhat delirious, and in this state he continued almost to the time of his death, when he passed peacefully and quietly away. Through all his suffering he bore up with great fortitude, but he realized from the time that he took to his bed that he would never recover.

Mr. Golt was born in Oswego, N. Y., fifty-three years ago, and he came to Chicago twenty-five years ago, when he at once went into the coal business. At one time he was in partnership with Mr. Curtis, and at another with Mr. McRae, but of late years he carried on business successfully by himself. He was the first President of the Chicago Coal Exchange. During his long illness he had the kindest and best attention, and his faithful and loving wife has not left the sick room for nearly four weeks. He has four children, the oldest, a daughter, being married to Mr. Rufus Bixby, of this city. One of his sons, Edward, is employed in the National Bank of Illinois. The other two are young children. Mr. Golt will leave his family in comfortable circumstances. He was a large vessel-owner, and his coal business was purely his own. At his home Mr. Golt was an affectionate husband and an indulgent father. As a friend there were none truer. A man of pure morals and of fearless uprightness integrity, he ever had a helping hand for the poor and distressed. His charity was unostentatious, but there has been many a ton of coal sent from his yards to warm the poor.

A Daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne—Ex-Delegate Hooper, of Utah—Dr. Charles Porterfield Krauth.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 2.—Miss Elizabeth Manning Hawthorne, eldest daughter of the novelist, died at Salem today, aged 80 years. She had lived a retired life for thirty years at the old homestead, which has always been a delightful resort for people of culture. Her last illness was very brief. There were only three in the family—Nathaniel, the novelist; Mary Louise, who was lost on the steamer Henry Clay; and Elizabeth. The latter was a lady of pronounced literary taste and liberal culture. Her brother often remarked that she could obtain greater fame than he had by diligence. So far as known, however, she has never given any of the fruits of her knowledge to the world.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 2.—Capt. W. H. Hooper, formerly Delegate to Congress from this Territory, died on Saturday. He had grown too liberal for the church ten years ago, and Brigham Young relieved him in favor of Cannon. Hooper was long aware that he might have created a material division in the church, but felt that he was too old to undertake it. He had outgrown Mormonism, but social and business ties bound him to it, and he exerted all his influence in its favor.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 2.—Dr. Charles Porterfield Krauth, D. D., Vice-Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, died today.

SALEM, Ala., Jan. 2.—Harry W. Bell, assistant editor of the *Morning Times*, died this morning from an accidental overdose of chloroform.

QUARANTINE FEES.

The Louisiana State Board of Health Enjoined from Collecting Fees from Morgan's Boats.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 2.—Some time ago Morgan's Louisiana & Texas Railroad & Steamship Company applied for an injunction restraining the State Board of Health from collecting charges imposed by the quarantine laws upon vessels entering the Port of New Orleans and from detaining their vessels on account of the non-payment of these quarantine fees. The company claimed that the laws under which the fees are demanded were in conflict with the Constitution of the United States in their several respects. In the Civil District Court today Judge Monroe delivered a lengthy decision in this case. In concluding his opinion he said: "It is remarkable, in view of the fact that the convention which adopted the Constitution of the United States distinctly determined, after the most elaborate and earnest discussion, that the States should not be allowed, without the consent of Congress, to levy duties on tonnage for any purpose whatever, that it should still be considered a matter of discussion as to whether such duties may not be imposed for the support of a police or quarantine regulations established by a State for the protection of the health of its citizens. There is no reason for requiring that the quarantine service should be supported by those who are under no legal obligations so to do." The injunction was made perpetual restraining the Board of Health from the collection of quarantine fees. This will be a fatal blow to the local health board, as a payroll of some twenty employés has been maintained on these collections, and the State and city have made no provision for the maintenance of the board.

LIBEL SUIT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Jan. 2.—The Saratoga *Evening Journal* has been sued for $10,000 damages by John W. Hill, a mechanical expert, of Cincinnati, O. Hill was the expert employed by the Saratoga Board of Water Commissioners to test the new and improved Holly machinery here. The *Evening Journal* has for some little time handled Hill and his official report in severe terms. The case will come before the United States District Court.

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NEW YORK.

Vacation of the Injunction Preventing the Pooling of Mutual Union Stock.

Continued Litigation Between the Elevated Roads Over the Consolidation.

Serious Shooting Affray Between Police and Hoodlums in a Disreputable Saloon.

Dismissal of the Charge of Murder Lodged Against Mrs. Wall, the Actress.

MUTUAL UNION.

VACATION OF THE INJUNCTION.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Judge Barrett today vacated the injunction in the suit of the Western Union Telegraph Company and Jay Gould against John J. Moore, George F. Baker, and others, the Mutual Union Telegraph Company and the Central Trust Company. In this suit the plaintiffs charge the defendants with conspiracy. The complaint alleges that the individual defendants entered into an agreement with Jay Gould and his associates, one of which associates is declared to be the Western Union Company, the purpose of which was to have 50,000 shares of Mutual Union stock, under the control of Jay Gould and George F. Baker, as trustees, and that they had violated that agreement by entering into a combination to pool the Mutual Union stock for five years in the hands of George F. Baker, George William Ballou, and Asa P. Potter, as trustees. This pooling, the plaintiffs assert, will hurt them, and they therefore sue to prevent it, and to compel the individual defendants to carry out the agreement made between them and

JAY GOULD AND HIS ASSOCIATES.

in March last. The defendants deny that they have violated the agreement of March last. That agreement was violated by Jay Gould when he sold and conveyed his 30,000 shares of Mutual Union to the Western Union Company, which corporation was not one of his associates in the matter, having been explicitly excluded from association. The preliminary injunction granted by Judge Van Brunt, of the Court of Common Pleas, acting on account of the absence of Supreme Court Judges, or their disqualification by reason of their ownership of Western Union stock, restrained the consummation of the "pooling" scheme. In deciding to vacate the preliminary injunction, Judge Barrett says: "I see no way of sustaining this injunction. The sale by Mr. Gould of his shares to the company was an independent transaction. This is clearly evidenced by the company's own records, and it seems to me to be too clear to admit of argument that this independent sale—especially to the plaintiff company—put an end to the whole so called pooling arrangement. Each of the other parties was thereupon remitted to his original rights, and the speculative agency of Messrs. Gould and Baker terminated."

THE STOCK

of the Mutual Union, comprising a majority, which was pooled, was said today by John G. Moore, the President of the company, to remain intact, and nothing remains to complete the pool but to issue the certificates, which have been engraved and are nearly ready for delivery. No changes have been made in the plan, which is for the stock to be taken up at five cents a share and placed in the hands of the three trustees.

ELEVATED ROADS.

CONTINUATION OF THE LITIGATION.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—On Friday last a preliminary injunction was granted by Presiding-Judge Noah Davis in the suit of the Metropolitan Elevated Railroad Company against the Manhattan Elevated Railroad Company and the New York Elevated Railroad Company. The purpose of that suit is to prevent the carrying out of the agreement made in November, 1881, between the former Directors of the Metropolitan and the same persons as Directors of the Manhattan for the swallowing of the former corporation by the latter through the exchange of Metropolitan stock for that of the Manhattan. The injunction order restrains the Manhattan from doing anything in fulfillment of this which is known as the "Merger agreement of Nov. 1, 1881," and particularly from paying dividends upon Manhattan stock issued to replace Metropolitan or New York stock surrendered in accordance with the "Merger agreement." An application was made to Judge Davis today by Mr. David Dudley Field, counsel for the Manhattan Company, for a modification of the injunction on the ground that as it stands it prevents the Manhattan Company from performing its obligations to the Metropolitan and New York companies. Judge Davis refused to modify the order.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

RIOTING IN A TOUGH SALOON.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—About 12 o'clock today Roundsman Delaney, of the Tombs police squad, entered a liquor store at No. 144 Hester street, armed with a warrant for the arrest of "John Doe." This warrant was issued on complaint of a man who said that Saturday night he tendered $20 in payment for drinks, and was given change for only $1. The license for the house is issued in the name of Michael Ross, but James Kelly, the man who has been arrested a number of times for violating the excise law, is the real owner. When Delaney entered the barroom he did not see the man whom he wanted, but learned he was up-stairs. The barroom was well filled with friends of Kelly, and among them was James McGowan, barkeeper in Billy McGlory's saloon, and Cooney, another barkeeper. These two men tried to prevent Delaney from going up-stairs. Finally Cooney pulled him to the floor and McGowan

STRUCK HIM IN THE EYE

with his pistol. The roundsman then decided to arrest McGowan, who ran through the saloon to the sidewalk, where a carriage was in waiting, in which was a woman named "Tillie" Cavanagh, who was in the saloon with McGowan when the officer arrived, and who ordered the carriage. As McGowan reached the door of the carriage he fired at the roundsman, and at and same time Delaney fired at McGowan. The ball from McGowan's pistol struck the officer in the right eye, and, passing downward, lodged in the cheek. The ball from the roundsman's pistol struck McGowan in the left side, passing through the upper lobe of the heart. He fell dead in the carriage, which was driven at once to the Sixth Precinct Station-House. Great

EXCITEMENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

of the saloon followed the shooting, and the wife of the owner ordered the doors to be barred. Suddenly the doors were burst in, and a party of detectives, under charge of a Sergeant, entered the place and arrested all hands, including several reporters. Mrs. Kelly was requested to rearrange her toilet, and then the place was thoroughly ransacked by the officers. All the occupants were escorted to the station-house, where they gave their names as James Cooney, bartender for Kelly; William Kelly, brother of the proprietor; Mrs. Andrew Kelly; and a drunken man, covered with blood, named Solomon Bomminghelmer.

The statement of Roundsman Delaney is that, not finding the man he wanted in the saloon, he said to the man who had secured the warrant, "We'll go up-stairs and see the boss." On going up the steps we met the man who shot me. He said: "Get out, you ——— of a policeman, and you too!" I told him to leave us alone, but he pushed the old farmer down-stairs, hurting him, and then attacking me. He pushed me down-stairs, and I

FELL ON MY KNEES.

He escaped from me, and I shouted for aid and said I wanted to have the room up-stairs searched. Then the man who shot me appeared suddenly, pulled me aside, and sprang for the street. There was a hack waiting, and he made for it. I seized him, but he beat me over the head with the butt of a pistol. He then broke away, and, as he was getting in the hack, in which was a woman, I attempted to catch him again, but he presented a pistol at me and got in, telling the driver to "go it." I shouted that I was an officer, and ordered the hackman to stop, but he only whipped up his horses. I began to run and saw a man in the hack pointing a pistol at me through the glass door. I fired at him the same second his pistol went off, and here I am."

A fatal result of the officer's wound is feared. The Coroner

BEGAN AN INQUEST.

Tillie Cavanaugh testified that the cab was sent to take her home. She got into the vehicle, McGowan following, when Roundsman Delaney appeared with a pistol in his hand. McGowan immediately drew his pistol and fired. The witness fell to the bottom of the hack, and heard or saw nothing till McGowan fell back, exclaiming, "Oh, Tillie, I am dying." The girl showed no emotion while testifying. The body of her dead lover lay at her feet.

James Cooney, bartender at Kelly's place, was charged with participation in the affair. He, the girl, and four other witnesses were sent to the house of detention. The inquest was adjourned till tomorrow.

AMONG THE WITNESSES

are two highly-respectable ladies, whose names are at present withheld, but who saw the whole occurrence. Roundsman Delaney has been an officer nine years. He has been mentioned honorably three times, last for the rescue of a drowning boy. He may recover. McGowan was bartender for Billy McGlory, the notorious dance-house keeper.

MRS. WALL.

THE CHARGE THAT SHE KILLED HER HUSBAND DISMISSED.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A nolle prosequi has been entered in Brooklyn in the case of Mrs. Lizzie McCaull Wall, the actress, who killed her husband, George Barnes Wall, a lawyer. This singular tragedy occurred Feb. 27, 1882. After the shooting, Wall, the husband, was conveyed to the Presbyterian Hospital, of which his father, the Rev. Thomas G. Wall, is Chaplain and Superintendent. Justice Charles W. Church, of Fort Hamilton, took

MR. WALL'S ANTE-MORTEM STATEMENT,

which was as follows:

I, George Barry Wall, of the Town of New Utrecht, having been wounded by a pistol-ball, and suffering under the injuries thereby caused, being advised and believing that the said injuries are likely to prove fatal, and that I am about to die therefrom, do make the following statement:

My wife is a woman of violent temper, losing control of herself frequently. Yesterday morning she attacked me, saying that I was cold, and had no affection for her, and was untrue to her, and therefore she would revenge herself, and would leave me. She went out, and started for the 10 o'clock train, and missed it, came back and said that I had been the cause of her losing the train, and

SHE THEN STRUCK ME IN THE FACE,

was exceedingly violent, and shouted. Then she insisted on my leaving this room until after 1 o'clock. To avoid any more trouble I left the room and walked a short distance up the street. She immediately came after me, continuing her conduct. We reached this room, I sat down in the rocking-chair at the little table now at my right. She made some talk about her miserable condition, etc. I don't know exactly what it was. Without a word of warning the pistol lying on the table was seized by her, and, before I could collect a thought,

SHE DISCHARGED IT

and I fell over on the floor. She was on her knees in an instant with fright, talking with great rapidity. Among other things she said: "Tell them it was an accident," and she begged me to assure her it was an accident. At the request, I believe I did tell two or three people it was an accident, chiefly to avoid scandal. The pistol-ball from the pistol which she fired, as I have said, took effect in my throat. I don't want to be misconstrued in telling the truth now, and in trying to calm my wife as I did before. G. B. WALL.

THE UNFORTUNATE YOUNG MAN

was rapidly rising in his profession, and was held in high regard by all who knew him for his business capacity and social traits of character. Mrs. Wall's maiden name was Lizzie McCaull, and her parents live in Buffalo, where she was formerly a soprano in different church-choirs. Her voice, however, gave out, and she went upon the stage, where she played with Dion Boucicault in the "Shaughran." As Little Emily she was a prime favorite. In one of the New York theatres she was seen by Mr. George Barry Wall, who was on stage, struck by her pretty face and figure that he sought an introduction, which resulted in marriage. They state that her husband agreed that this marriage should not prevent her from remaining upon the stage, but that she learned that her connection with the dramatic profession was estranging her husband from his parents, and voluntarily resigned herself to a domestic life.

A MUNIFICENT GIFT.

VANDERBILT PROPOSES TO PRESENT NEW YORK WITH A GREAT PICTURE-GALLERY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—William H. Vanderbilt, I was told today by a gentleman living near him, said a week ago nearly as follows:

"If I can get from the City of New York the square of ground on which stands the Catholic Orphan Asylum, nearly opposit my house, I will spend $5,000,000 in building and in buying pictures for a New York gallery of the best paintings to be had, and make a gift of it, in effect, to the people of New York."

I asked the gentleman who told me if I might use his name. "Not till I ask Mr. Vanderbilt," he said. "He might think it was some self-seeking on my part for the honor of announcing the fact; but I give it to you, and it is the first intelligence of such a matter being on his mind."

"What is the situation of that property?" I asked.

"The square belongs to the city of New York, and is leased, I understand, for $1 a year to the Roman Catholic Benevolent Society. The lease was obtained from the Common Council in 1849. There were 450 feet in the front of the lot. The Catholics put up an ugly four-story building there in 1851, which is the last great eye-sore on Fifth avenue. At that time Fifth Avenue was a street of shanties. In 1857 the Tweed element gave another piece of ground on the same nominal lease. Here a building 200 feet long was finished in 1868. The Legislature gave the Orphan Asylum $10,000 a year. Mr. Vanderbilt probably expects that the city will in some way compromise with the Orphan Asylum authorities and give them another situation, and lease the ground to his art directors. I am only guessing at this feature of the subject; but he told me that if he could get the plot he would spend $5,000,000 on an institution of art. This would make one of the noblest picture galleries in the world."

"What is Mr. Vanderbilt worth?"

"I think about $150,000,000. He has just had his twenty-second grandchild—a Webb—born. Not one of his sons is a scapegrace. He has a kind disposition, and wants to be considered a good neighbor and lover of his race."—*Gath.*

ITEMS.

DODGING THE TAX.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A concerted movement by the amusement managers of the city to relieve themselves from the compulsory payment of a license fee of $500 a year—not to the city, but to a charitable association, which has for its ostensible purpose the reformation of juvenile delinquents—is in progress.

A FATAL FIGHT.

To the Western Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—George Weinhardt, dealer in wine, was probably fatally beaten in a fight tonight. One of his assailants, Bernard Ruf, was arrested.

THE RIFLE MATCH.

The National Rifle Association has a letter from the British Rifle Association, announcing that, in the coming match, the use of the wind-gage and permission to change the entry will be conceded, but no change in the shape of the "barley-corn" foresight will be allowed.

OBITUARY.

Edward J. Hale, the publisher, is dead. He was for forty years editor of the Fayetteville (N. C.) *Observer*.

Martin Bates, fur importer, is dead, aged 80.

A RUBBER SYNDICATE.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—The leading rubber interests of the country are considering the question of consolidation. If they unite the capital stock will be $20,000,000 or $30,000,000. One manufacturer said: "We want to have a combination of capital of such great strength that we can go into the Brazilian market and buy all the rubber we want at as low rates as any syndicate of capitalists can do."

Harry Thomas wants his friends to know that he is now with F. M. Atwood, successor to A. J. Nutting & Co., 104 and 106 Madison street.

TRADE AND LABOR.

Signs of Trouble in Pennsylvania—Baltimore Glassblowers—A Pleasant Surprise in Cleveland.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 2.—There are signs of trouble between river coal operators and miners. At a meeting of the former, which was largely attended, the opinion was nearly unanimous in favor of ascribing the four-cent rate for digging. Operators said the condition of the trade rendered it impossible to pay this price. The large stocks afloat, the low prices prevailing at all river ports, and the encroachment of coal from other fields were elements which contributed to the present dullness. To meet this it was necessary to insist on a rate for mining at least the same as that ruling in the railroad pits of this district—three and one-half cents. This sentiment was embodied in a resolution which passed, and a committee was appointed to prepare a statement embodying this decision, to be presented to the miners for their consideration. Inquiry at the office of the miners' association developed the fact that, in order to meet this action of the operators, a convention will be called. No formal notice has yet been received by the officers of the association. From a member of the operators' committee referred to, it was learned that notice to the men would be given by each operator to the diggers in his employ, and not through the miners' association. Opinion is divided as to the result of the proposed reduction, but it is almost certain there will be a strike. The river coal trade of this city employs 5,000 miners when business is active, and no less than seventy-four pits are kept busy.

BALTIMORE GLASSBLOWERS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 2.—The union window-glass blowers, who are on a strike here, continue to receive new accessions, to their ranks from the Belgian blowers, who are being imported by the manufacturers to take the places of the strikers. More of the foreigners arrived last Saturday, and quite a number of the best workmen among them, when informed today of the strike, refused to go to work. They tell the strikers that the agents for the manufacturers in Belgium misrepresented matters to them, and that they expected to be paid the Western rates. They will return home by the next steamer to Antwerp, and meanwhile are cared for by the strikers, and the union will pay their passage home. For several months these strikers have seriously impeded the Baltimore manufacturers, and, although they go to the expense of advancing the Belgians money to come to America, as soon as they arrive, a few at a time, they are induced to join the strikers and receive the benefits of the union.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 2.—The action of the Cleveland Rolling-Mill Company today has had the effect of encouraging the men, who had concluded they were to be idle for some time. The plate-mills, wire-mills, and rod-mills were started up on regular runs. The company yesterday made an important contract with the New York Central Railroad to furnish 4,000 tons of fish-plates or irons for holding rails in position. It will take six months to complete the contract running single turn. The contract price is about $40 a ton, and will amount to between $180,000 and $200,000. The rail mill will remain idle and repairs be made.

THE SITUATION IN ST. LOUIS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 2.—No conference has as yet been had between the management of the St. Louis Ore & Steel Company and the striking workmen, and this morning there was no promise that one would be held today. Your correspondent this morning investigated the reported assault made yesterday upon a *Globe-Democrat* reporter by one of the strikers, and found that the others who had looked into the affair were of the opinion that the reporter's story was correct. At the same time it was believed that the man Dawson, who used his knife upon the newspaper man, represents a clique of the dissatisfied workmen, for whose actions, although they are connected with the union, it would be unjust to hold the body of strikers responsible. After Dawson's arrest a charge of disturbing the peace was preferred against him, and this morning he pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined $5. This will probably be the end of the affair, as a criminal prosecution will hardly be pushed.

HEAVY FAILURE.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 2.—Francis Carville & Sons, of Liverpool, England, with a branch in this city under the name of Carville, McKeon & Co., brokers, lumber dealers, etc., have failed. Liabilities, $300,000.

RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—The hollow-ware glass-furnace of Bodine, Thomas & Co., Camden, N. J., resumes operations.

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BOSTON, Jan. 2.—The schedule of Edwin H. Sampson, lately doing

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AMUSEMENTS.

McVicker's Theatre.
Madison street, between Dearborn and State. Annie Pixley in "Miss." Afternoon and evening.

Grand Opera-House.
Clark street, opposite new Court-House. Minnie Palmer in "My Sweetheart." Afternoon and evening.

Haverly's Theatre.
Monroe street, between Dearborn and Clark. Mrs. Lenetry in "The Honeymoon."

Hooley's Theatre.
Randolph street, opposite new Court-House. Nat Goodwin and E. F. Thorne in the "Black Flag." Afternoon and evening.

Olympic Theatre.
Clark street, between Randolph and Lake. Variety entertainment. Afternoon and evening.

Academy of Music.
Halsted street, near Madison. Milton Nobles in "The Phœnix." Afternoon and evening.

Central Music-Hall.
Southeast corner Randolph and State. Tom Thumb and Troupe at 1:30 and 7 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1883.

PARTLY cloudy weather and occasional light snow for the Upper Lake region today.

THE decrease in the public debt during the month of December was $15,413,223, and in the last six months of the year $81,370,783.

WITH much difficulty a quorum of the House of Representatives was secured and retained yesterday. The work performed was mostly of an unimportant character and the House adjourned early.

THE Minnesota Legislature organized yesterday, and Loren Fletcher, of Minneapolis, was elected Speaker of the House. The Senatorial outlook is strongly favorable to Mr. Windom. Many Representatives heretofore classed as doubtful are now counted in his favor, and his nomination on the first ballot is considered certain.

GOV. FOSTER, of Ohio, yesterday recommended to the Legislature of that State the passage of a uniform liquor-license law, under which the premises and not the individual will be licensed. He confesses the failure of the existing law, which places the liquor trade under the ban of prohibition, and believes that the plan suggested will prove acceptable to all parties.

AT a caucus of the Republican members of the Illinois House of Representatives last night Mr. L. C. Collins, of Cook County, received the unanimous nomination for Speaker. Only twenty-three Senators took part in the caucus of that body, which placed W. J. Campbell, of Cook, in nomination for President pro tem. The Democrats in caucus assembled complimented Austin O. Sexton, of Cook, with a nomination for Speaker, and Thomas M. Shaw, of Marshall, with that for temporary President.

ONLY three members of the House Special Committee on Civil-Service Reform could be got to attend a meeting specially called for yesterday to consider the Pendleton bill. Mr. Calkins, the newly-appointed member, was one of the three, and has prepared some amendments which he will submit at a meeting today if the committee can be rallied together. The friends of reform are encouraged to believe that the chances for a favorable report on the Pendleton bill are improving.

A VERY light vote was cast in the Seventeenth Ohio District yesterday at the election for a successor to the late J. T. Updegraff. Returns are not yet complete, but it is universally conceded that Taylor (Rep.) has a majority of at least 1,500 votes over Alexander, his Democratic competitor. In October Mr. Updegraff's majority over Alexander was only 900. Gen. Joseph Wheeler (Dem.) was elected for the unexpired term in the Forty-seventh Congress from the Eighth Alabama District, defeating McClellan the independent candidate.

SINCE there has been much good-natured pleasantry indulged in at the expense of Mr. Murat Halstead and Mr. Richard Smith and their approaching partnership, it is proper to notice that the personal relations between them have always been friendly, and at times even cordial. They have never permitted differences of opinion expressed in their newspapers respectively to work a personal estrangement. It will not be so difficult for them to get on pleasantly together as some of the facetious paragraphs in the newspapers may lead the public to suppose.

THE Naval Advisory Board recommends and Secretary Chandler concurs in the report that Congress shall appropriate $1,598,000 for the completion of the monitors Terror, Amphitrite, Monadnock, and Puritan. Bureau officers asked almost exactly double that amount for the same purpose. The board back up their claim that the expenditure will be justifiable by pointing to the facts that the Puritan has been successfully launched and the Miantonomah, a vessel of the same class, has shown that it possesses sufficient buoyancy to float in salt water.

GOV. CLEVELAND in his message to the Legislature of New York yesterday took strong ground in favor of an economical administration of State affairs and of reforms in the civil service. He recommends the abolition of some superfluous canal officers which will effect a saving of $30,000 a year, and proposes that the Health-Officer of the Port of New York, who receives from $50,000 to $70,000 a year in fees, shall be paid a reasonable salary and the surplus covered into the State Treasury. He declares that the appointment and tenure of office of subordinates in the State departments shall be based on fitness and efficiency, and recommends the passage of laws to attain that end. On the question of protection of the primaries he is equally outspoken.

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found a timely communication on the subject of preserving game in the Yellowstone National Park, addressed to Senator Vest by Gov. Schuyler Crosby, of Montana. The writer draws a graphic picture of the destruction which pot-hunters and miscalled sportsmen have wrought among the larger fauna, and begs for Federal legislation to preserve the bison, elk, deer, and Rocky Mountain sheep. He is in favor of an increase in the territorial limits of the park, and of an absolute prohibition, for the time at least, of any molestation of the game within its borders.

WE publish this morning a telegram from Mr. Elihu B. Washburne, who is temporarily sojourning in Texas, which will be read with great interest. Mr. Washburne, as all will remember, filled the position of American Minister to Paris during the stormy days which witnessed the downfall of the Second Empire, the establishment of the Third Republic, the siege of Paris, and the rule of the Commune. His personal reminiscences of the great statesman and orator whose loss France mourns are given in graphic words, and his account of his personal acquaintance with M. Gambetta is full of interest at this time.

SENATOR LOGAN again claimed and held the attention of the Senate yesterday while he delivered a powerful three-hours' speech in opposition to the Fitz John Porter bill. Referring to Gen. Grant's change of front on the question he read a letter from Gen. Pope to Gen. Grant written in 1874, in which Pope directed the President to the new evidence which Porter claimed to have obtained, and recommended that if the President thought it proper a new inquiry should be held. To this President Grant replied that he had read the testimony, could not see that any new facts had been brought out, and was doubtful whether the Executive had the power to order a new trial. Senator Logan said that it would have been impossible to crowd more than 950 wagons into the road which Porter claimed was obstructed by 2,000. He showed also that from Aug. 27 until 3 a. m. on Aug. 30 Porter did not obey a single order given him by either Pope or McDowell, and that with 12,000 infantry under his command he allowed a single brigade of cavalry to block his way. Porter occupied a seat in the gallery during a part of the day, but left when the sturdy Logan declared that if a volunteer officer had acted as Porter did he would have been driven from the country.

ENORMOUS BETTING ON FUTURE PRICES.

One of the difficulties in the way of accurately gaging the effect on prices and so on the welfare of the people of that comparatively modern institution, the produce exchange, with its preeminently modern facilities for colossal speculation, has been the lack of definit information as to how much of the business done was speculative and how much real. This is furnished for the Chicago Board of Trade for the first time in a careful calculation made in our annual review.

It is shown that the purely speculative dealings here amounted to the enormous sum last year of $9,900,000,000, or more than *fifteen times* the value of the grain and meat received, including the pork product manufactured in this city. Corresponding figures for the New York Cotton and Produce Exchanges are fortunately made accessible, for the first time also, by the Legislative investigation into corners. Secretary Moore, of the Cotton Exchange, testified that between May, 1881, and May, 1882, the "future" sales on the exchange were 32,700,000 bales, which was more than six times the whole cotton crop of the country, and *thirty times* more than the actual cotton sold in New York. Mr. E. H. Walker, statistician of the Produce Exchange, gave figures proving that every bushel of grain that came to New York was sold twenty times over; that the sales greatly exceeded the entire crop of the country, and that the speculative gambling business was nine times the actual. Only 11 per cent of the actual business was not betting on futures. The sad fact revealed by these figures that our Board of Trade "boys" are much more furious gamblers and speculators than the New-Yorkers, who only "go" the crops 900 per cent better against our 1,500 per cent, is the least important news to be got out of these statistics. It is evident that if the speculators have the money and facilities to turn over the whole American cotton crop six times in a year, or the wheat crop fifteen times, it is an easy thing for them by combination to control the marketable surplus of a crop, and so to dictate the prices of food to the world.

This explains the increasing tendency to corners on these boards, and makes it certain that the growth of capital and speculative facilities will accelerate this tendency. By the apparatus of the exchange it is now possible almost in one day for a syndicate to obtain speculative possession of a whole crop, and to insist that it all be delivered to them within an impossible time, under a ruinous penalty, or to put it out of reach and then demand an impossible delivery under a ruinous penalty. They can make a football of any price they choose, kicking it up and kicking it down, and doing as much harm by artificial declines as by artificial rises.

Here is the anomaly. Speculative wheat and speculative cotton can be grown on the exchanges from six to fifteen times as fast as in the fields, and the speculative wheat and cotton fix the price of that raised by the sweat of the brow. The telegraph and the exchange bring the wheat-raisers of the Russian steppes, the valley of the Ganges, and the prairies of Dakota into daily competition at Chicago and Liverpool, but they do more. They enable new men with new forces to overlay the agriculture of the farmer with an agriculture of prices that is vastly more profitable than the old-fashioned kind of tillage. They get the profit on fifteen bushels while the farmer is selling one.

The produce and stock exchanges are working out their results a great deal more rapidly than the people are thinking them out. The control of the prices of the great staples of human production throughout the world by the concentration of news, capital, and middlemen in a focus called an exchange is a phenomenon as yet but half understood by those whose welfare it affects most vitally. The fittest survive; and the fittest in the world of prices are those who know how to run the machinery of the exchanges. These institutions will surely, if slowly, shift the property of the masses into the hands of those who know the magic art of the manufacture of prices. The process is now going on before our eyes. Put your finger on one of our great fortunes, and nine times out of ten you will feel underneath it the cold heart of some one who has mined on the San Francisco Stock Exchange, or packed pork on the Chicago Board of Trade, or built railroads in Wall street.

The New York Stock Exchange, where meet the forces which determine the credit of the United States and the value of thousands of millions of railroad property, is a private association of gentlemen who are not incorporated and have no legal status except that of a voluntary partnership. It is kept in this position avowedly to reduce to a minimum the points of legal contact between it and the community. Like the Stock Exchange, our Board of Trade, though incorporated, and the New York Produce and Cotton Exchanges are practically free from all supervision by the courts or the Government. The "Settling Committee" of the Board of Trade and the Arbitration Tribunal of the Produce Exchange show the tendency of these institutions to adjust their differences by methods outside ordinary legal procedure. But these exchanges, although allowed the fullest *laissez-faire* by the Government, affect the welfare of the people in many very practical ways more tangibly than it does. To a large extent, it is true, they act negatively as mere registers of prices. But they have also more positive functions. Without their machinery, corneners could not carry out their conspiracies to rob, and a conspiracy to rob the people of their food is a conspiracy to kill.

One of the strongest arguments for law reform is that both the definitions of the law and the apparatus of the court cannot reach these abuses, which, though old, are overcoming us with a new portentousness. If these wrongs cannot be righted through the courts of justice the public will demand some more active interference by the Legislature, and this will plunge us into a maze of socialistic legislation which no one can look forward to without apprehension of the gravest kind.

PRESIDENTIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL TERMS.

THE TRIBUNE has advices from Washington to the effect that Mr. Springer intends to submit the proposed changes in the election of President and Congress in two separate amendments. In one of them it will be proposed to elect the President for a term of six years, making him ineligible to a reelection for the next ensuing term, and to elect the House of Representatives once every three years, making the Congressional term begin with the January following the election. The other amendment will incorporate Mr. Springer's plan, already fully explained in THE TRIBUNE, for doing away with the Electoral College and giving to each Presidential candidate a number of votes in every State corresponding to the proportion of the popular vote cast. The separate submission of these two amendments will enable Congress to agree to one without the other. It is highly desirable that this opportunity shall be afforded, for it is very possible that a constitutional amendment can be passed through Congress and can subsequently obtain the approval of the States providing for an extension of the Presidential and Congressional terms which would fail if attached to another scheme for a radical change in the method of electing a President. There is nothing naturally in common between the two propositions, and the warmest advocates of the one might abandon it rather than assent to the other.

The extension of the Presidential term to six years under the condition that the incumbent shall not be eligible to reelection except after an interval of one term has long been felt to be one of the surest guarantees that may be adopted for civil-service reform. Such a change would probably accomplish more to bring about a divorcement between the civil service and partisan control than the adoption of a dozen such bills as that which has passed the Senate. The character and efficiency of the civil service is mainly determined by the President, who is vested by the Constitution with the appointing power, and who calls about him and selects as the heads of the departments the men who give direction to the practical administration of Government affairs. Under the present system—a short Presidential term with the privilege of reelection—every incumbent of the office of Chief Magistrate is naturally tempted to intrigue for reelection and to prostitute the vast patronage at his command in order to further his ambition. This practice has become the more common because it has received the tacit indorsement of the people—to the extent at least that it is not regarded as disgraceful or reprehensible. At the same time it is felt universally that the manipulation of the Government patronage in the interest of a President seeking reelection is injurious to the business interests of the Government and demoralizing to American politics. But this is not all. The same motive which prompts a President who hopes for reelection to use the offices for his own ends prompts all the other public men whose eyes are fastened on the office of President to organize and intrigue against the incumbent. As a rule there is not only an Administration and anti-Administration party, but also an Administration and anti-Administration faction within the party which elected the President, and frequently there are several factions in and about the National Administration, which, pulling in different directions with selfish purposes, cannot fail to impair and weaken the administration of affairs. If the hope and expectation of a second term were shut off from every President by constitutional inhibition, all this intrigue would die out for lack of reason, and the ruling motive of every President would be to maintain the civil service at the highest possible efficiency; changes of a merely partisan, personal, or experimental character would be avoided as likely to injure the public service. The common aim of every President would be to leave to his successor an improved condition of public affairs, and the very men who would seek to undermine the Administration as a means to defeat the President for reelection would be eager to sustain and assist him when reelection should be forbidden by law.

The proposed change in the term of Congress is almost necessary to the realization of the advantages expected from the change in the Presidential term. The scheme contemplates the inauguration of the new Congress in January following its election. This would enable it to get to work under the impulse of the popular instructions at the late election, instead of waiting, as now, some thirteen months after the voice of the people has been heard. Under the present system, more than one-half the term of a Congressman expires before he takes his seat if he is a new member, and the work for reelection begins before he has had time to familiarize himself with the duties and responsibilities of a Congressional career. Under Mr. Springer's plan the Congressman elected in November will take his seat in the following January, and thus serve three full sessions before appealing to his constituency for reelection; this gives ample time for testing the capacity and character of every member. It is of the highest importance, too, that the term of Congress under the new system would correspond in fact as well as in theory with the Presidential term. The Congress elected in the fall of 1884 would thus enter upon its career in January, 1885, and have abundant time to count the Presidential vote. As it is now, the vote of the people for President is passed upon and construed by a Congress which was elected two years before; under the new system the people would enjoy a certain warrant of fairness and good faith in the knowledge that the Presidential vote would be counted by their Representatives elected at the same time with the President and not by Representatives chosen two years earlier under conditions that were perhaps radically different. There would also be a better guarantee than now that the President and Congress chosen at the same time by the people would act in harmony and proceed with energy to the public work outlined by the drift of the popular vote.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Springer will find warm support for these two propositions from both parties in Congress, and we think this will prove to be the case when he shall separate them from his plan for voting for President, which is by no means essential to the reform involved in a change of Presidential and Congressional terms. The proposed change should be urged at the present session, for the next Congress will not be disposed to shorten its own life by two months, which will be necessary in order to inaugurate the new Congress with the new President, and in time to admit of its passing upon the next Presidential vote. The members of the present Congress can treat this question with more *sang froid* than members of the next Congress will be able to summon; indeed, we suspect that members of the present Congress who have not been reelected would a little rather than not cut off a couple of months from the life of the next Congress.

GERMANY ON GAMBETTA.

A little less than a year ago Gen. Skobeleff, the dashing Russian General and the brilliant hero of Plevna, suddenly died. He was a hater of Germany and the recognized leader of the Slavs, and the dream of his life had been the construction of a vast Slavic empire which should unite all the peoples of that race and dominate Eastern Europe. Rash, impulsive, and bombastic as he was, Germany feared him, and the hot-headed speeches which he made in his cups produced such an excitement among the German people and consternation among their rulers that upon the demand of Prince Bismarck the Czar of Russia publicly disavowed his sentiments and censured the speaker. Germany feared even this shadow of a menace from Skobeleff though his declarations were uninspired and unauthorized. They feared the effect they might have upon the Russian people and the Slavs of Austria. Her armies were as large as ever, but her great Generals had disappeared. Manteuffel was dead and Von Moltke, the brains of her military force, the head which planned and executed the campaign against France, had retired, and only the Crown Prince would have been left to have faced Russia on the one side. She drew a breath of relief when Skobeleff and his brilliant companion in arms, Kauffmann, died. One danger was removed.

Another danger at the same time confronted her on the other side. Skobeleff did not hate Germany as cordially as Gambetta. The latter had been the soul of resistance to her in 1870, and out of the ruins of war he had built up a Republic which paid off its war indemnity, and then cherished its scheme of revenge, only waiting the opprtunity. So long as Gambetta lived this scheme of revenge was alive. When he died that danger was lessened, and Germany and Austria now stand upon a more even footing as regards Russia and France. She has drawn another breath of relief, and the press of the Empire does not care to conceal its great satisfaction that this source of danger is removed. The *National Zeitung* says: "Germany has lost her greatest enemy. Gambetta knew his reputation in the future was bound up with a war of revenge, and his whole energy was directed in preparing therefor. He may be said to have constituted himself a permanent danger to the peace of Europe." The *Tageblatt* still more plainly and frankly declares: "The man of uncompromising revenge is dead. His decease affords us better security for peace than any sort of an alliance. His grandly-constituted character commanded a certain respect even from his enemies, but now there is no necessity to conceal the fact that the peace of Europe appears to be more lastingly secured than for a long time."

The *Tageblatt* is unquestionably right in its assumption that the death of Gambetta is a more certain guaranty of peace than any alliance. Neither Russia nor France, separately or together, is now in any condition for war with Germany and Austria, and their vast armies will lie idle until new men come to the front, urged on by new emergencies. The hope of France, the only remedies for her present distracted condition, are rest and peace, and with Gambetta dead there is more chance for quiet than with Gambetta alive, cherishing revenge and inspiring Frenchmen with the same desperate feeling. It will be difficult to fill Gambetta's place as a Republican leader, but so long as the Republic is quiet and at peace it needs no leader. When the emergency comes the man usually comes with it.

TAXATION AND WAGES.

Nearly twenty years ago Congress, in 1864, in the darkest hours of the Rebellion, invented and put in operation the most searching and overshadowing system of taxation that was ever invented in any government of modern times. The desperate need of money necessitated such an extraordinary measure. This war-tax was justified at the time on the ground that it was intended merely to cover the time needed to wind up the War. It took several years, however, to remove so much of those taxes as were collected from the business of manufacturing, but in time they were removed, leaving only the taxes collected from consumers on all the products of manufacturing industry. This tax was intended to be doubly protective. It aimed to protect the home manufacturer from competition by foreign manufacturers, and it was intended that this protection should also compensate the protected persons for such exactions as protection demanded of them. The tax needed for this purpose, it can readily be understood, was excessive, and so frequently duplicated as to be difficult to estimate. In 1867 Congress made an enormous addition to the protective tariff on woolen goods, nearly, if not fully, prohibiting the importation of various classes of wools and woolens.

We give a list of the rates of tax on some of the articles of prime necessity as they were under last year's importations:

Articles.	*Per cent of tax.*
Cotton cloths	44 to 58
Cotton thread	78
China and earthenware	40 to 50
Glassware	40 to 50
Common window-glass	57 to 80
Iron goods	54 to 74
Steel	45 to 80
Silk goods	60
Soap	47
Starch	116
Varnish	67
Wools	55 to 64
Carpets	50 to 68
Woolen dress-goods	60
Blankets	90 to 98
Flannels	65 to 102
Woolen hosiery	55 to 89
Knit goods	80

These taxes extend to every variety of the various classes of goods—the cheaper the quality of the goods the greater the rate per cent. These taxes are collected on nearly the entire product of the American manufacturers, so that the American producers of iron, steel, and copper goods, the manufacturers of woolen, cotton, and silk goods, are able by law to extort from consumers this enormous bounty or tax on all they purchase. As none of this tax is paid into the Treasury, but is collected by the manufacturers direct from the consumers, the aggregate tax thus collected amounts annually to a greater sum than all the other taxes imposed by the Government, including the whisky and tobacco tax, and if it formed part of the revenues of the Government it would be sufficient to pay the whole National debt in a few years.

The recipients of this bounty are now declaring at Washington through their attorneys that if Congress shall interfere with these taxes by reducing them they will close their business, refuse to make any more goods, and force their mechanics to go out from their workshops to raise corn and wheat upon the farms, and thus ruin the farmers.

At Pittsburg and in other manufacturing districts they are passing resolutions at public meetings and conventions declaring that even with this bounty of 50 per cent voted them by Congress they cannot make iron and steel, nor cotton or woolen cloth, and live; and hence they announce a reduction in the wages of their labor of 25 per cent. They plead that the consumption of their goods has declined, and that they cannot pay the wages they have been paying. It is notorious that the cost of labor does not exceed 25 per cent of the cost of manufactured goods, and that the wages paid the American workmen do not, in many branches, exceed those paid in England, and in others do not exceed an average of 25 per cent. The American workman therefore gets a nominal advance in wages on the product of 25 per cent of the value of manufactured goods, and pays for the manufactured goods he uses 50 per cent more than does his foreign competitor. No wonder, therefore, that the American workman is, under this system of wages and taxation, reduced to the bare means of subsistence in the plainest form of living.

Under the pretext that the average tax on the necessaries of life was collected for the purpose of distribution among the workmen in the form of higher wages this enormous tax has been collected annually for twenty years. The wages paid to the workmen are now reduced 25 per cent, but the cost of living is maintained. The average wages paid during the last year on all classes of occupations has been $346. This is now reduced $84, or to a total of $262 a year or $5 per week. While thus remorselessly reducing workmen to starvation rates of wages these same protected and privileged classes threaten the country with ruin if the enormous tax levied on their behalf is reduced, and are now actually urging a revised tariff which increases the tax from 15 to 30 per cent.

More taxes and less wages are the outcome of twenty years' enormous protection. The reduction of wages strips the workmen of the means to pay the taxes. An annual compensation ranging from $240 to $360 a year for laborers who pay a tax of 50 per cent on all the manufactured articles they need, from a straw-hat to an overcoat, from a pair of children's shoes to a pair of woolen blankets, can hardly be reduced without a corresponding reduction of taxes. The fraud of protection is, however, now acknowledged. Protection has no real interest or concern in wages—the men and women who are laboring for a mere existence may live or perish; the iron and steel manufacturers, the makers of cotton and woolen goods, insist upon their protective tax of 50 to 80 per cent. The laborer must take care of himself. Protection was designed for manufacturers, and not for workmen.

CHICAGO HURT BY THE TARIFF.

No part of THE TRIBUNE'S annual review of the business of Chicago will attract more attention than that which gives the facts of its manufacturing development. People who have become accustomed to think of this city simply as a greater Odessa or a magnified Saginaw must learn that it is growing to be a greater Birmingham. Our totals show that the manufacturing product of Chicago is fast creeping up to the enormous figures of its business in food. And a study of the details of these manufacturing statistics will convince any one not fatally biased that the tariff is acting as a heavy drag on the realization of our manifest destiny to become the largest manufacturing centre in the New World.

The value of the farm produce handled here in 1882 was $382,000,000; that of our manufactures was $311,000,000. But while the trade in farm produce gained 4 per cent during the year and our wholesale traffic went up from $428,000,000 to $435,000,000, or 2¾ per cent, the increase in manufactures was not quite 2 per cent. A difference of 1 per cent on such large figures means a difference of millions of dollars in the sums themselves. Relatively to the other grand departments of Chicago's activity, our manufactures lost ground. This should not have occurred when new population was streaming at an unprecedented rate into the territory we supply, nor in a year remarkable even in Chicago for the transfer to this point of manufactures from places less favorably situated.

The cause of this relative backwardness was clearly pointed out a few days ago in an interview which one of our reporters had with the very intelligent French Consul at Chicago, M. Bruvaert. Like most of the members of the French diplomatic service, M. Bruvaert has made a close study of the commerce and manufactures of the countries with which France does business. He has just forwarded to his Government an exhaustive report on the industries of this city. In it he states not only that Chicago must become the first city in the country, but more specifically that it will, if the tariff is reduced, become the first manufacturing city on the continent. But now the tariff is pressing on it with a dead weight.

Everything our manufacturers produce is made more dear than it otherwise would be by the tariff. Our meat-packers, who are the leading manufacturers, have to submit to a tax of nearly 50 per cent on foreign salt for the "protection" of Saginaw and Syracuse salt-makers. All their machinery is taxed on the same principle for the benefit of some other manufacturer. The tin they can their beef in is heavily taxed; so is the labor they employ. This is one of the industries that will flourish, tariff or no tariff, on account of our advantages of position, but the extent of its market, especially abroad, depends distinctly upon the cheapness of its prices. The tariff on salt, machinery, on the rails that do its transportation, and on the necessaries of life used by labor, all cut into the foreign market of our meat-packers. What is true of them is still more true of other manufacturers who have not their overwhelming advantage in a cheap and untaxed raw material.

Our makers of car-wheels, stoves, of brass and copper goods, of agricultural machinery, of furniture, of clothing all pay taxes through the tariff to Eastern manufacturers, who demand Government help to keep them going.

Beside hurting the manufactures that we have, the tariff prevents the development of new industries here. Chicago will some day be the seat of a great cotton manufacture. If the raw material can be profitably carried 3,000 miles to Manchester to be made up, this city can bring it 500 miles and manufacture it at a good profit for distribution in our vast Northwestern market, and perhaps in Asia by the short route across the continent. But that day will never come as long as the burden remains of which the cotton manufacturers in the South are now bitterly complaining—the burden of paying tribute to almost every other manufacturer in the United States.

The manufacture of sugar from sorghum at Champaign in this State has been brought to such perfection that in M. Bruvaert's opinion it is in the power of this country to supply itself within a few years with the 800,000,000 of sugar it now imports. This means the erection of 18,000 refineries like that at Champaign and an expenditure on them of $45,000,000. The establishment of this great industry would make Chicago the largest sugar market and the heaviest manufacturer of refining machinery in the world. The Illinois farmer can always raise a crop of sorghum, and, as it pays better than any other article, would need no protective duty. But nearly every line of our tariff cries, "Object!" to the creation of this new source of wealth.

There is this difference between the manufacturing industries of Chicago and those that maintain the protectionist lobby at Washington: Ours are what theirs pretend to be—infant; but though so young they are fully able to take care of themselves. All that Chicago needs to become a great exporter to Europe—and Asia—of manufactures of iron, wood, leather, wool, and countless other articles is to be released from the assessments it now has to pay to the manufacturers of Pennsylvania and New England.

THE annual report of the Mississippi River Commission was presented to the Senate yesterday. The Commissioners stick to their plan of contracting the river in order to make a deeper channel, but own that they cannot furnish even an approximate estimate of the probable cost of their mud-bank system. According to the report the work has already passed beyond the experimental stage, and results justify the correctness of the levee and embankment plan. The sum of $4,575,000 is asked for the improvement of the harbors of Vicksburg, Natchez, and New Orleans, the rectification of the Red and Atchafalaya Rivers, and the closing of crevasses and outlets. The Commissioners declare that "the plan of improvement should include the control of floods in order to secure such general improvement as is described in the organic act creating the commission." By the time they have dissipated a few score millions they will probably come to the conclusion that it will take something more than an organic act to control the floods to which the Mississippi is periodically subject. One member of the commission, Gen. Comstock, sees this already, and dissents from the absurd conclusions reached by the majority. His opinion, which will be very generally shared by all who have not an interest in the wasteful expenditure of public funds for the construction of dikes over night to be swept away in the morning, is that levees are of little aid in improving low-water navigation, and he doubts the advisability of raising the levees above present grades. Incidentally it may be noted that the appropriation of $4,123,000 has been drawn upon very largely, while the Commissioners own but very little work has been done, owing to the floods and malaria.

THE debate on protection between Denslow of Chicago and Sumner of Yale College the other evening at Cleveland could not easily have been made less interesting than it became in their hands. Both the disputants were Professors, and their only raw material, like that of disputatious schoolmen from of old, appears to have been theories. They were both successful in proving how a live topic can be desiccated into a dead and dull dust-heap of doctrine. Anti-protectionists can afford to leave hypothesis and theorizing to their opponents. They can do more demolition with such a fact as that noted in the press reports of the reduction of wages in the overprotected iron-mills of Pittsburg in the very nursery of prohibitory protection than can be effected with any dose of the mixture of logic and metaphysics that passes in our colleges for political economy. No one who has ears to hear is so dull that he cannot be made to see in the iron, steel, cotton, woolen, glass, and general manufacturing depression, and, worst of all, in the widespread reduction of wages in ultra high-protected industries, that "protection" has collapsed in mid career and gone to pieces like the Deacon's one-horse shay—all at once and nothing first.

A RESIDENT of Madagascar for seven years recently surprised his London audience in the course of a lecture for the benefit of a hospital at Tananarivo, the Capital of the island, by describing the civilization of the Malagasy. He found Tananarivo to be a really splendid city, with magnificent public buildings. The house he lodged at was as good as any in London, and there was a Roman Catholic Church which would not disgrace Paris. The Prime Minister, who was a curiously curious husband of the Queen, and almost the most intelligent, astute, and clever man he had ever met, occupied a splendid official residence. The Premier knew precisely how far he could advance in the path of civilization, and where to stop. No outside people could so well control the Malagasy as the present Prime Minister. During the Queen's reign of ten years he had publicly abolished idol-worship and embraced Christianity. The nobles of the land, as well as the mass of the population, were now Christians. The Premier was an educational reformer, and had established numerous schools. He had abolished "trial by poison"—a superstitious rite which used to decimate the country. It was intended to make the Queen de facto as well as de jure the monarch of the island, and it was a great pity that any disturbance should come to the existing state of things. Among other beneficent changes which the Prime Minister had wrought was the abolition of the introduction of slaves from Africa. He did this with one stroke of the pen, and in doing it he did away with what might be called the "material wealth" of Madagascar. A man had before been considered richer or poorer in proportion to the number of slaves he owned. A natural anxiety prevailed that a country which had so far advanced in civilization should not go back.

THE total immigration to the United States for 1882, at all ports was about 735,000. This estimate is based on custom-house official returns for all months excepting December, the arrivals in which month are placed at 50,000. The total immigration at all ports for 1881 was a little over 718,000, showing an increase of about 16,000 in favor of the last year. The countries from which the immigrants came and the number contributed by each were as follows: Germany, 232,000; England and Wales, 81,000; Ireland, 70,000; Scotland, 17,000; Sweden, 59,000; Norway, 27,000; Canada, 89,000; all other countries, 160,000. The arrivals in the last three months show a decided falling off, those of December showing a decline of about 20 per cent.

Those who have been close observers of immigration for many years think it has reached its maximum. It is believed there may be an influx of Russians in the present year, and they are the most enterprising people who come, going immediately to the West and establishing new homes. Their powers of endurance are wonderful. The tide of immigration which has set in from the mountain districts of Hungary is beginning to occupy the attention of the Hungarian Government. Many take advantage of the Galician frontier to get across without passports. In order to prevent this the Hungarian authorities have requested Austria to arrest the passage of such Hungarians as are not provided with proper documents, especially of those who have not performed their military service. The immigration from Germany shows a material falling off as compared with the arrivals in 1881.

THE *Pall Mall Gazette* of Dec. 17 says: "It is currently reported on excellent Conservative authority that the Sultan offered this summer to admit a Russian army into Constantinople if the Czar would help him to oppose England in Egypt. The Czar, having confidence in Mr. Gladstone, refused, but it is obvious that if Lord Salisbury had been in office the offer might have elicited a very different response. A satisfactory outcome truly that would have been of the Russophobist fever which drove Lord Derby from the Foreign Office in the spring of 1878."

THE venerable "Almanach de Gotha" for 1883 contains engravings of President Arthur, King Milan I. of Servia and Natalie, his Queen, and the interesting group showing four generations of the imperial family of Germany, the Emperor seated with his great-grandson in his lap and his son and grandson standing on either side. There is almost invariably some mistake in those pages of the Almanach which are devoted to the United States. The current issue remarks that when the Vice-President becomes President the Senate is presided over by the temporary President of that body, who takes the title of actual Vice-President. "Acting Vice-President" is probably meant, but even that is not correct. The official title of David Davis is "President pro tempore of the Senate."

THE venerable English Constitution is suffering another strain, in the abolition of the time-honored office of tubman to the Exchequer. On taking possession of the new Law Courts, it was thought by those high in authority that the experiment of abolishing that functionary might be safely made, and thus far the Empire still exists. The name of the officer rose many years ago, because he took charge of the fub at the bar of the court, which was the measure of capacity in excise cases, while his colleague, the postman, took his name from the post which was the measure of length. These officers had the privilege of moving the court in precedence of the Attorney-General except in "the Queen's business."

CONGRESSMAN POUND, of Wisconsin, is opposed to civil-service reform, has not made up his mind on the tariff question, and doesn't like to have Congress criticised when it goes wrong. He told a reporter that the first measure was impracticable, that harmony on the second would be difficult to reach, and that criticism of public men, if indulged in too much and believed by the people, would undermine the fabric of the Republic. Mr. Pound is evidently in a sad frame of mind, but that is generally the case when a man is about to take his departure from public life. It was clearly high time for him to step down and out.

"JUDGE, your Honor, I have been locked up for the last seventeen Christmases, and I was trying to spend this one outside; but it seems that it is no use trying any more." Such was the despondent observation with which Russell Murray answered to his name in a Washington police court last Saturday. The trouble with him was that he had been celebrating the day with premature ardor, and the Judge gave him thirty days. "Thirty days!" exclaimed the culprit; "great goodness, here it is again! Well, I suppose it's all right," and he departed to spend his eighteenth Christmas in jail.

LAKESIDE MUSINGS.

Björnstjerne Björnson believes that he will live to very old age. If some American printer runs across Björnstjerne he will discover his mistake.

The Garfield monument fund of Cincinnati now amounts to $9,699.77. The arrival of somebody with a three-cent stamp is anxiously awaited.

"There is no man," said the poet Whittier on his 75th birthday, "who ought to write much after he is 70." Mr. Whittier is correct, except in cases where the girl will agree positively to destroy the letters.

The statement is made in a New York dispatch that "the last year has been an unusually bad one for fire-insurance companies." It is understood that one $5 bill which they were after managed to get away.

Some rude fellows hailed up the door of a building in Centreville, Prince Edward Island, in which a lecture was being held. This was indeed a brutal atrocity, the only mitigating circumstance being the fact that the lecturer was not Eli Perkins.

A California reporter recently had an interview with Nilsson, and remarked in his paper the next day that "during the brief conversation with her the reporter realized that she was one of those children of song who make the world hotter and happier by the mellifluous strains they bring to us from the far-off realms of beauty and love." Nilsson, it will be remembered, went direct from Chicago to California.

Over the lawn romped Kittie and I—
Kitty, with eyes of velvety sheen,
With her pearly teeth and her winsome ways—
The prettiest ever seen.
There was none like her in the wide, wide world—
Kitty, my love, my queen.

But Kitty's a matron now, my boy,
And I am a bachelor lone—
For she ran away with Tom, you know,
And the days and nights have flown
Since I saw her last in the mountain, pale
Kitty, my pearl, my own.

How did it happen? Don't ask me now;
It is useless, mind you, to tease;
And I couldn't tell you the reason why
If you begged me on your knees;
But I was a willful, wayward boy,
And Kittie—a pure Maltese!
—*Samuel Jones Tilden.*

"Pass the wassail bowl."

The speaker, a broad-shouldered, ruddy-faced man, with piercing brown eyes and a tawny beard of heavy growth, leaned over the oaken table that stood in the centre of the room as he spoke these words, and across his face there flitted a smile whose presence seemed to illumine with a kindly

GAMBETTA.

The People of Paris Will Be Denied a View of the Remains.

There Will Be a State Funeral Friday—Temporary Burial in Pere la Chaise.

Autopsy Showing the Existence of Chronic Disease—No Gunshot Wound in the Body.

Ex-Minister Washburne's Tribute to the Memory of the Distinguished Dead.

The Extraordinary Sensation Produced Throughout Europe by the Death of the Patriot.

THE DEATH-CHAMBER.

VIEWING THE BODY.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—It is estimated that 3,000 persons visited his house at Ville d'Avray yesterday. The people were admitted by groups of five or ten into the hall, whence they ascended to a small bed-room, where the body is lying. The visitors included Ministers, Senators, and other functionaries. The room is poorly furnished. The body lies on a small iron-bedstead, completely covered by sheets except the head, which rests on two pillows. The face is pale, the hair grayer than formerly, and the beard is entirely gray. Gambetta appears fifteen years older than he really was. There were a few flowers on the post of the bed. Otherwise there were none of the emblems usual in France on such an occasion. A painter was seated at the foot of the bed sketching the scene. Other artists for illustrated papers were similarly occupied in the room.

THE AUTOPSY

shows that the death of Gambetta was the result of nepatophthisis and pericarditis. Any surgical operations would have been dangerous and unjustifiable. No lesion was discovered in any organ except the intestines. The post-mortem examination was held in order to contradict the rumor that his death was caused by a bullet in the abdomen. Fifteen Professors and physicians performed the autopsy. The top of the head was removed and the brain extracted. The latter will be given to the Anthropological Society. The official report of the autopsy shows there had been a long-standing inflammation of the bowels, which led to a contraction of the small intestine, bringing about infiltration in the rear of the colon in the very wall of the abdomen. The autopsy proved that the pistol-wound inflicted a month ago had no connection with the cause of Gambetta's death. The embalming process has begun.

THE DECOMPOSITION OF GAMBETTA'S BODY,

hastened by muggy weather, has been fearfully rapid. The aspect of the face has become so shocking that the idea of having the body lie in state in the Palais Bourbon has been abandoned. The watchers by the corpse have to keep wadding saturated with a disinfectants to their noses.

THE COFFIN

is made of fir wood and lined with satin. It will be incased in a leaden casket, festooned with the tricolor flag, and the casket will be placed in an oaken coffin with silver mountings.

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sketched Gambetta on his deathbed, and will paint a portrait. The death-chamber was sketched for the painting.

ANOTHER VERSION OF THE CAUSE OF DEATH.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A Paris special gives the following version of the causes leading directly to the death of Gambetta as related by the friends of the dead statesman:

Setting aside the old story of the pistol-shot fired at him by the mother of his son, which is strongly denied, the most plausible version is that, after having received an accidental wound in the forearm, he became impatient at his detention at home, which was intensified by the alarming stories regarding his condition which filled the press, and others of a more alarming nature which his enemies indulged in.

THE WOUND

was healing nicely, but his desire to appear in public to silence his enemies grew so that he requested Dr. Lannelongue to stop the suppuration, which he did, although he pointed out the danger Gambetta was running, but to which he was deaf. He only desired to appear in the Chamber once, or at least in the room of the Commission of which he was the Chairman, which he believed would put an end to the outrageous reports in circulation. The doctor, against his better judgment, did as requested, and in a few hours the pus from the wound, being

DEBARRED ITS NATURAL OUTLET,

took another turn, burrowing under the skin toward the shoulder, and soon manifested itself in two large phlegmons under the armpit. They caused him the greatest pain. He had arisen from his bed next day, hoping to be able to take a trip to Paris, but he had to retire at once, when a slight fever appeared. This was subdued in two days, and hope began to revive, but on the Sunday night before Christmas, Gambetta, who was always a great eater, dined heartily, and, becoming excited during a political discussion, suffered a relapse, the fever again appearing. In the meantime the pus had worked its way downward, and now showed itself in an abscess in the stomach. Later another abscess appeared, grew in size, and nearly blocked the cæcum. This presaged the end.

OBSEQUIES.

THE CABINET.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The Cabinet has decided that the funeral shall be similar to the funerals of Thiers and Cremieux as members of the Government of National Defense. It will devote 20,000 francs to meet the cost of the funeral. The whole of the troops at Paris and Marseilles are ordered to attend.

The Parisians have decided to close their shops on the day of the funeral.

THE FAMILY.

Gambetta's sister has gone to Nice and obtained her father's consent to permit a State funeral. The family have consented on condition that the body be eventually removed to Nice.

THE INTERMENT

will be in the Cemetery of Père-La-Chaise. The members of the Diplomatic Corps ask leave to attend the funeral.

PALAIS BOURBON.

The body will be taken tomorrow to the Palais Bourbon, and remain in a closed coffin until Friday, when the funeral will take place. The hall of the ground floor of the Palais Bourbon will be transferred into a chapelle ardente.

HIS FAME.

THE PARIS PRESS.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The *Figaro* says: "Gambetta was a trumpet, of which the sound expires when the instrument is broken."

The *Gaulois* says: "Gambetta was beginning to see that Radicalism, not Clericalism, was an enemy. Revolutions are abscesses which end by poisoning the blood of the nation, unless the surgeon resorts to the knife at a favorable moment. Gambetta's case terribly resembles that of France."

The reactionary papers express the opinion that the French Republic died with Gambetta.

The *Debats* declares that much will be forgiven Gambetta in consideration of his love for France.

The *Clairon* (Royalist) sees the finger of God in the death of Gambetta. That journal revives the old story that Gambetta was shot by a woman.

Henri Rochefort, in the *Intransigeant*, publishes an article headed "End of a Savior," reminding those whom Gambetta threatened at Belleville that they can now sleep in peace.

The *Voltaire* and *Telegraph* express grief at Gambetta's death, and refer to his deeds when the country was endangered.

The *Soleil* (Orleanist) dwells upon the blow that Opportunism has received, but refrains from saying anything against Gambetta's memory.

THE BERLIN PRESS.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The *North German Gazette* says: "In German eyes Gambetta has ever appeared the personification of revenge. His name was associated with the sound of the war-trumpet. But there has also ever existed in Germany a generous appreciation of foreign merit and greatness of character. Germany does not hesitate to lay a wreath on the bier of the enemy with whom she victoriously wrestled in a brave and honest struggle. German military authorities unreservedly acknowledged the high talents of the deceased. It is not our affair to analyze his political career, but only to sympathize with the fate of the patriot who did not despair of the star of his fatherland."

The *Borsen Courier* is certain that the death of Gambetta delivers France and the peace of Europe from great danger.

The *National Gazette*, referring to the death of Gambetta, says: "The Republic being regarded as a pledge of peace, the death of its principal supporter will be regarded as a political loss."

Other journals express sympathy and praise Gambetta's patriotism, the *Germania* alone uttering a word of censure, saying: "He knew how to amass riches in the years of his country's misfortune."

THE VIENNA PRESS.

VIENNA, Jan. 2.—The *Deutscher Zeitung* says the death of Gambetta momentously increases the chances of peace and will disturb the warlike plans of Russia.

THE ST. PETERSBURG PRESS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—The *Journal de St. Petersbourg*, without disputing the good part played by Gambetta, says his greatness was on the wane and his position seriously menaced.

THE MADRID PRESS.

MADRID, Jan. 2.—All the newspapers refer to the death of Gambetta. The Democratic journals express the opinion that democratic France has lost her most vigorous champion.

EX-MINISTER WASHBURNE.

HIS TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MAN'S MEMORY.

By Telegraph to the Editor of The Chicago Tribune.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 2.—The news of the death of Léon Gambetta, which is announced this morning through the press dispatches, comes to me almost as a personal grief. A great light has gone out in France, and the world loses one of the most gifted, the most brilliant, and the most eloquent men of the age. It is not my present purpose to give a full review of this remarkable man, whose sad and early death must create such a profound impression in all parts of the world where intelligence and civilization have made his name known. I will simply give some of my impressions and reminiscences of

THE GREAT TRIBUNE

now, alas, no more. When I went to France, in the spring of 1869, Gambetta was a young member of the Chamber of Deputies from the Department of the Seine already distinguished for the reputation he had acquired for eloquence and ability in a political trial before one of the tribunals of Paris. He took a position in the Chamber in the front rank of that little band of able, courageous men who made face against the Empire, then in all the pride and arrogance of its power. He was a prominent actor in

ALL THOSE TURBULENT AND EXCITING SCENES

which took place in the Chamber before the declaration of war and up to the fall of the Empire. I saw him in the hall of the Chamber on the historic 4th of September, 1870, when the people of Paris entered it and drove out the Deputies. Though naturally impetuous, in that supreme crisis he was cool and collected. After the people had entered the hall, and most of the members had left it, President Schneider still occupying his chair, Gambetta mounted the tribune to address them. The President made an appeal for him to be heard, complimenting him in delicate terms, saying he was a Deputy whose character and position entitled him to consideration. But it was too late. The watchword had been given, "To the Hotel de Ville," where

THE DETHRONEMENT OF THE EMPEROR

was to be pronounced and the Republic proclaimed. Then towards that grand and historical old palace did the Opposition Deputies take their way, and thither swiftly flowed, under the empire of the most profound emotion, the people of Paris. I followed the surging masses of men, women, and children, to find 60,000 people in the Place de Grève, in front of the palace. It was one of those extraordinary scenes of which history can give but few examples. The day was bright and beautiful, all was quiet and orderly, and there were no unseemly demonstrations. While there was anxiety, sometimes tinged with sadness, yet hope filled all hearts that the day had at last come when the hour of

THE HATED REIGN OF NAPOLEON

was finally to strike. The Opposition Deputies had been admitted to the palace—Gambetta, Jules Favre, Cremieux, Garnier, Pages, Jules Simon, Jules Ferry, and others. The crowd waited silently and respectfully until the appearance of Rochefort and Raspail. These men had been imprisoned under the Empire for political offenses, but released immediately at the very first moment of the outbreak of the insurrection. They were brought from the prison of the Pelagie to the Hôtel de Ville in an open one-horse cab, and, covered all over with tri-colored flags, reached the Place de Greve. They were received with transports of enthusiasm. The crowd gave way and they approached the palace, whose heavy door swung back on its hinges to give them entrance. They appeared at a window to be again vociferously acclaimed. But all of this was

ONLY A PRELUDE

to what was to come soon. Gambetta appeared at one of the windows of the palace and proclaimed the Republic of France, and threw out to the crowd below the little lists containing the names of the Deputies of Paris who were to constitute the Provisional Government of France under the name of the "Government of the National Defense." Then, from the vast multitude, there went up such a shout of deliverance as was rarely ever heard in the world's history. A dynasty had fallen, and a Republic had been proclaimed. A stupendous revolution had been accomplished, and without the shedding of one single drop of blood. Gambetta was delegated to the Ministry of the Interior, Jules Favre to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the old Hebrew advocate and life-long Republican, Cremieux, to the Ministry of Justice. They all started instantly to take possession of

THEIR RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES.

In the hurry of the departure and the excitement of the moment, the venerable Cremieux forgot his hat, and, taking an open voiture, he rode rode bareheaded from the Hôtel de Ville to the Ministry of Justice in the Place Vendôme. When the Empire went down all the Ministers fell with it, and when the new Ministers delegated by the Government of the National Defense appeared at their respective Ministries, they were all accepted as the proper representatives of the new Government, and they at once took the reins of their departments. Two days after

I MADE THE PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE

of Gambetta at the Ministry of the Interior, Place Beauvois, having been charged with the protection of the Germans in France. I had a great deal of trouble with the Government of the Empire in respect to German subjects leaving France. The action of the Ministry of the Empire touching that matter was not only utterly inconsistent, but in derogation of the well-known principle of international law which allows the subject of a belligerent Power a reasonable time to depart with his effects. The ground first taken was that no German capable of bearing arms should be allowed to leave France. The excuse for that arbitrary disregard of international law was that Paris was full of young German subjects, who would, if permitted to leave, go home and join the German army to fight against France. The discussion of this question involved a long correspondence with the Foreign Office, which resulted in the abandonment of the ground taken, to be followed by

AN INHUMAN ORDER

expelling instantly from French territory every German in it. This cruel determination to drive out from Paris some 30,000 Germans, men, women, and children, could in any event but bring ruin and desolation to thousands of families enjoying the hospitality of the French Government and the people of Paris. The difficulties and distress were greatly aggravated. It was therefore with the advent of the Government of the Republic that I determined to appeal to Gambetta, Minister of the Interior, in whose department all this matter rested. Without experience in executive affairs, it was a question how he could meet the immense responsibilities thrust upon him. In calling upon him officially for the first time

I FOUND A YOUNG MAN

of ordinary hight and size (he afterwards became very heavy). He had fine manners and a most agreeable address, a handsome face, long black, glossy hair, and a full beard. I went over the whole question of the expulsion of the Germans with him, and was astonished with his grasp of the subject. He fully concurred with me in respect to the grounds I had taken with the Government of the Empire, expressed sympathy for the situation of the expelled German population, said he would do all in his power to facilitate their departure, and would give orders to have every German who held my passport transported to the German frontier at the expense of the French Government. That was done immediately, and my labors and responsibilities greatly lessened.

FOR THAT PROMPT AND ENERGETIC ACTION

I have felt under great obligation to Gambetta. When, after the siege of Paris had commenced, the Government at Paris found it was necessary to strengthen their delegation at Tours, Gambetta was selected as its representative for that mission, so vastly important. Besides the vast responsibility to be undertaken, it was a most dangerous and hazardous adventure to go out in a balloon. But Gambetta did not hesitate to take the risk. I well recollect the day of his departure, for he had as his companion

IN THE BALLOON

an American resident of Paris, Mr. Charles L. May, of New York, and a member of my legation went to the starting-place of the ballon to see him off. Most fortunately the balloon descended in French territory, and Gambetta soon found his way to Tours to join the delegation sent out from Paris before the siege. Inflamed by the most intense patriotism, with his iron will, his enthusiasm, his courage, his resolution, his eloquence, he soon subordinated his colleagues to his own imperious domination. He soon became, in truth, in fact, what has so often been charged—

THE DICTATOR OF FRANCE.

The true history of that dictatorship has yet to be written, and it will become one of the most interesting episodes in the history of France. Single-handed and alone he aroused the drooping spirits of the people, raised and equipped armies, and accomplished all that mortal could in stemming the tide of disaster which was overwhelming his country. He disbursed the millions which he had raised by a loan in England through the American house of Morgan & Co. When the War was over his enemies in the National Assembly, then strongly reactionary, raised a commission to examine into his administration of affairs at Tours. Pursuing him for months, tracking him with pimps and spies, they found his hands clean and his records unstained.

AFTER THE WAR WAS OVER

Gambetta retook his place in the National Assembly, there to help to build up the broken fortunes of his country. He was a born leader and a tower of strength to his party. More than any other man was his advice sought and followed. He was always in the breach and was always at the helm when the wind blew highest. His views, originally radical, became more and more modified as responsibilities were thickly clustered around him, and as time went on he was less and less disposed to give up to party what was meant for mankind

AS AN ORATOR

at the tribune he had no equal. Never was he so great as on the occasion when he was called upon to speak for the Republicans in the Assembly on the occasion when President MacMahon had dismissed his Republican Ministry and replaced it with a Ministry of avowed enemies of the Republic. The excitement in Paris at this time was intense, and the indignation of the Republicans, even the most conservative, was terrible. I met

IN THE SALON OF M. THIERS

that evening many of the most prominent Republicans of Paris, and it is difficult to describe the excitement that prevailed among them all. I shall never forget the emphasis with which Mme. Thiers (who was a great politician) denounced the action of MacMahon, "Un veritable coup d'etat." Gambetta had been selected by the Republican Deputies to speak in protest of MacMahon's action the next day. That fact being known,

THE CROWD THAT WENT TO VERSAILLES,

where the Chamber then sat, to hear him was immense. I went early to get a good seat in the Diplomatic tribune. Never had a speaker a more brilliant and sympathetic audience, and never was Gambetta in better condition to meet the high expectations of his audience. I think the speech there made must stand out as the greatest of his life. I have heard nearly all the most eloquent and distinguished men in our own country since 1840, and some of the most celebrated in both England and France, and I can truly say that I never heard anything that could begin to compare with the speech of Gambetta on the occasion.

IT WAS NEVER SURPASSED BY MIRABEAU

in his proudest days in the Constituent Assembly, nor by Danton when he thundered at the Jacobin Club, nor by Vergniaud when rising to his highest flights of eloqence in the national conventions of France. From this time I met Gambetta frequently, and, I am proud to think, I enjoyed his friendship. He always expressed the greatest interest in everything connected with our country, and it was his desire one day to view it. He consented to sit to Healy for his portrait for me, and our great artist surpassed himself in bringing out most accurately all his marvelous features. The portrait adorns the wall of my library. NOW THAT THE GREAT TRIBUNE IS SO MUCH it has a value not to be expressed, and will be treasured as a souvenir of one of the most remarkable men of his time. The last time I saw Gambetta was at the house of M. Thiers Sept. 8, 1877, on the day of the funeral of that distinguished man. He was bowed down with grief, and in eloquent accents spoke of the loss which France was then called upon to mourn. About to return to my country, I bade him good-by and pressed his hand for the last time.

ELIHU B. WASHBURNE.

GEN. MEREDITH READ.

HIS TRIBUTE TO HIS FRIEND.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ALBANY, Jan. 2.—Gen. Meredith Read, "the friend of Greece," has arrived here after a residence of fourteen years in Europe. Knowing that Gen. Read was a warm friend of M. Léon Gambetta, a reporter called upon him yesterday afternoon with the view of eliciting some bits of information of a personal nature regarding the dead statesman. The General was found in a spacious room, surrounded with the portraits of many home and foreign celebrities, and in the act of sending a cablegram expressive of

HIS PROFOUND GRIEF

at the death of M. Gambetta. On one side of the table at which Gen. Read was working was a large portrait of Prince Bismarck, with the following inscription in the Prince's own hand: "To Gen. Read, with the compliments and thanks of Bismarck." On the other side of the table was an equally large portrait of Gambetta, with the following words in the dead statesman's handwriting:

To my dear friend, Gen. Meredith Read, praying him to believe that I desire to be counted in the front rank of his friends.

LEON GAMBETTA.

Gen. Read was asked to give some of his personal reminiscences of the deceased. He assented quite willingly. "I was a welcome guest at his little apartments in the Rue Montaigne," said the General, "where he lived with his maiden aunt, his mother's sister, just after the war.

NOTHING COULD BE MORE MODEST

than this residence. A narrow doorway on the second floor of the house opened into a small entrance-hall paved with common brick tiles, which was also the dining-room. On the left was a diminuitive room furnished with half a dozen rush-bottomed chairs, into which all callers were first introduced. Beyond was a larger room looking upon the street,

WHERE GAMBETTA WORKED

with his private secretary, and where he gave audience to his numerous visitors. On one occasion I remember he showed me a great case containing his war correspondence, and after he had pulled out many minute 'pigeon dispatches' I recollect that he was greatly surprised that I could read many of them without the aid of a magnifying glass, although he was aware that I had had much practice in that line."

"Do you remember the time when Gambetta left Paris by balloon?"

"Yes; it seems only yesterday that I saw him, then Minister of the Interior, sail away in his balloon, with his friend and assistant, to take charge of the Government interest at Tours, and yet that was as long ago as the 7th of October, 1870, during the German siege.

THE BALLOON

was called the Armand Barbes. Gambetta had a very narrow escape at this time, as the balloon passed over the German army at a very low elevation, drawing their fire."

"I suppose there were numerous exits made from the besieged city by means of the balloons."

"Quite a number, but it was a hazardous undertaking and fatal accidents were common. This experience of Gambetta's reminds me of an equally critical one which befell

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY OF M. JULES FAVRE,

a little later during the siege. He had come to take leave of me, and to say that his departure might be delayed by the high winds. He got off, however, but in spite of all precautions his balloon was eventually caught by a tremendous gale, which hurried him along at a terrific pace. In attempting to descend, the balloon was swept through a forest and he was launched in the branches of an enormously high tree from which he could only descend through the assistance of the peasantry who had gathered about it."

"WHAT POSITION IN FRENCH AFFAIRS

did Gambetta hold after his escape from Paris?"

"He was virtually the dictator of all those provinces of France which were free from the German invaders. He immediately urged the people to continue resistance, raise the Army of the Loire, and from Bordeaux issued a proclamation advocating resistance even to complete exhaustion.

WHEN I CAME OUT OF PARIS,

just before Jules Favre came out to make the terms of capitulation, I found that the man whose name was in every man's mouth, both German and French, was Gambetta, and no one has forgotten the excitement which ensued when he resigned his functions in consequence of a decree signed by all the members of the Paris Government annulling the proclamation to which I have already referred."

"Did you see much of him after his retirement?"

"Not at first. After his retirement, in February, 1871, he resided in Spain, and did not return to Paris until after the close of the Commune. I then met him frequently, and formed

A STILL HIGHER OPINION

of his character as a man and a patriot. His whole mind seemed to be bent in the direction of the definitive establishment of the Republic. To this all his indomitable energy and all the resources of his capacious and virile brain were given. At this time I again heard him speak in public, and no one who has enjoyed this privilege can ever forget the magnetic force of his sonorous yet penetrating voice, nor the indescribable sense of great and exhaustive power which he seemed to convey without an effort."

"HOW DID HE COMPARE WITH BISMARCK?"

"I was just about to say that the two men who, in personal intercourse have the most impressed me by their individuality and strength are Prince Bismarck and M. Gambetta. Both were unequaled in certain lines of effort, which, although apparently dissimilar, constantly brought them face to face as public men. The one spoke with difficulty, but each word seemed to fall with the force of a sledge-hammer. The burning eloquence of the other rushed from his lips with uninterrupted force, while his whole individuality seemed to dominate and rule the masses before him. There is something grand and massive in the presence and intellect of Prince Bismarck. There was something essentially great and especially magnetic and courageous in the person and attitude of Gambetta. Both were men worth, of the century in which they lived. One was the guide of a great Empire; the other was the voice and the right arm of a great Republic."

"WAS GAMBETTA A FAVORIT SOCIALLY?"

"A great favorit. After my resignation of the post of United States Minister my intimacy with Gambetta was of a still closer nature, and I shall never forget the memorable hours I spent with him at the Palais Bourbon when he was residing there as President of the Chamber. As I sat at his hospitable table, I recalled the days when this sumptuous residence was the abode of the Duke de Morny, and later of M. Schneider. The interior, with slight exceptions, remained unchanged from their time. His 11 o'clock breakfasts were frequented by the leading men of his party, and the topics of conversation were not always confined to public questions, but, under the inspiration of the host, literary, artistic, scientific, and classical subjects were frequently discussed. In all these various fields Gambetta exhibited his characteristic eloquence, which was fortified by a range and accuracy of knowledge which often astonished even those who knew him best. When I heard of the sad wound which brought about his death my first grief was the thought that

HIS INIMITABLE RIGHT HAND

was maimed, for the great orator had two organs of speech—one of voice and one of gesture. It is impossible to imagine a more graceful, a more persuasive, a more expressive, a more emphatic hand, and when at the end of some glowing argument he brought down his strong palm upon the tribune before him it seemed to enforce beyond question the fiery words with which he had set forth his propositions."

"Was not Gambetta a prey to infirmity in his later years?"

"Yes; owing to his increasing stoutness and some threatening symptoms he was obliged to take active exercise on foot, and he averaged in ordinary weather not less than seven miles a day. Some years ago when with him on the Lake of Geneva, we rowed together from Clarens to the Castle of Chillon, and back, and nothing could exceed the power and precision of his stroke. It was at this time that he began to interest himself in dogs, in horses, and hunting, because these all gave him occupation in the open air."

"Do you remember anything of

HIS FAMOUS DUEL

with M. de Fourtou in 1873?"

"That was before he had had much practice with firearms. Some of his enemies have even hinted that blank cartridges were used on that occasion. Nothing could be more false than this absurd assertion. I remember well the second of M. de Fourtou giving me a detailed account of this duel, and he took occasion to stamp this lie with merited contempt. As showing the inexperience of Gambetta at that time, he mentioned that after the word had been given the principals insisted that they had not fired, and they were not convinced of their error until the attention of each was drawn to the smoke still issuing from both pistols."

"I suppose you were aware of Gambetta's serious indisposition some time ago?"

"Yes, but I thought, as many others did, that he would recover. However, the French papers dated Dec. 21, which I have received today, indicate that the greatest anxiety was then felt with regard to Gambetta's condition, but his death ten days afterward seemed to have astounded and dismayed even those about him. In thinking of this, however, we must remember the terrific strain under which he lived for many years and the enormous efforts which he put forth to found and consolidate the Republic. Dying in the prime of life, he has left behind him a record and name in some respects unrivaled in the history of France. His friendship for America was of the most ardent nature, and he often expressed to me his intense desire to visit the United States and shake hands with his friends across the sea."

NOTES OF THE DAY.

A FEARFUL GAP.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Some new element will probably be introduced into the Duclerc Ministry, bringing up the Ministerialists in the Chamber of Deputies to 300 or 350, thus hiding for the time the fearful gap which the death of Gambetta made.

AN UNLUCKY YEAR.

Further details of his death state that Gambetta was impatient to see the end of the year, which he considered had been unlucky for him.

HIS FORTUNE.

Gambetta's fortune is estimated at 750,000 francs. The money he leaves principally accrued from his newspaper.

EFFECT OF HIS DEATH.

A correspondent who made a tour of the streets of Paris yesterday says there was real consternation in bourgeois and trading quarters. In the artisan districts there was stern indifference among the groups of workmen.

CLEMENCEAU

will probably take Gambetta's place.

A BAD FRENCHMAN.

John Grévy, While Drunk and Trying to Get at His Family, Who Had Taken Shelter in a Neighbor's House, Stabs August De Voto, Who Stood in His Way.

John Grévy, a brutal Frenchman who bears a bad reputation among his neighbors, made a murderous assault upon August De Voto, an occupant of the same house, last night, stabbing him dangerously. There was no provocation in the matter whatever. Grévy, who is rather a hard drinker, returned to his home on the second floor in the rear of No. 604 West Fourteenth street last night, and after smashing some furniture and half scaring the wits out of his children drove his wife and nine of the children out of the room. The tenth child, a little boy, he beat and put to bed. He then began sharpening a huge clasp-knife for the avowed purpose of killing his eldest daughter, who is really the support of the family. This daughter, with her mother and the other children, had taken refuge with a down-stairs family named De Voto, where they intended to remain until the father had either gotten over his drunken frenzy, or had gone to bed and quieted down. Grévy, after finishing the knife-sharpening process, ran down stairs and began pounding upon the door leading into the De Voto apartment, where his frightened family cowered in a corner fearful of their lives. Young De Voto, who is something like 22 years of age, went to the door and asked what was wanted. Grévy, foaming with rage, demanded admittance to the room containing his family, but this demand was refused. Grévy then succeeded in pushing the door partially open, and as it opened wide enough to admit his arm he made three vicious cuts at De Voto, the third blow being effective, driving the knife into his left side, between the seventh and eighth ribs. De Voto pushed him outside, closed the door, and with the assistance of his wife held it against the infuriated man, who soon went away to his own apartments, where, according to the statement of the child he had put to bed, he wiped the blade of the knife on a piece of paper which he burned, remarking: "I just stabbed that fellow down-stairs. After the cutting Grévy's daughter climbed out of a side-window and ran across the street to the office of Dr. Synon, whom she notified of the affray, and who notified the police. Officers Conray and Monahan, upon going to the door of Grévy's apartments, found the door closed, and were told that the first policeman who showed himself inside that door would be served the way De Voto had been. As he still refused to open the door, the officers placed their shoulders against it, and with a crash the door gave way, knocking Grévy, who had been standing against it half way across the room. Before he could recover himself they jumped upon him, and after a short and desperate struggle managed to disarm him, whereupon he gave up and went with them without further trouble. His wife, in telling how he treats her and his family, stated that he had on several occasions thrown her to the floor and with a razor or knife raised over her head threatened her life. From what could be learned of him in the vicinity of his dwelling it would seem that he is a quick-tempered, ugly fellow, who would use a knife as he did last night with little or no provocation.

A TRIBUNE reporter, who visited the scene of the stabbing, had a talk with Dr. Synon, who says that the blade of the knife penetrated the lung and pleural cavity, and that there was some internal hemorrhage. He does not apprehend any immediate fatal result, but fears local complications which will cause death. The wounded man was sleeping quietly at that hour—2 o'clock—and the doctor held strong hopes of his ultimate recovery. Grévy, who was locked up at the Twelfth Street Station, denied having done any cutting, and said that he had had no trouble with any one. Late this morning he was transferred from the Twelfth to the Hinman Street Station, where he will be held to await the result of De Voto's injuries.

A Bashful Young Policeman.

New York Sun.

Policeman John H. Hopper of the Forty-seventh Street Station, arrested Michael Munn on Saturday night for disorderly conduct, and brought him up in the Yorkville Police Court yesterday. He said that the prisoner, together with some other young men, had used very bad language at Thirty-seventh street and Second avenue.

"What did he say?" Justice Powers asked.

"I wouldn't like to repeat it, sir."

"How long have you been on the force?"

"Only two months."

"Well, you need not be bashful before this court."

"He said go to h—l."

His Honor fined Munn $10.

FOREIGN.

Repetition of the Destructive Floods in Austria and Germany.

An Intimation from Bismarck that He May Soon Resign.

Horrible Ravages of the Small-Pox in South African Regions.

Death at Louden of the Earl of Stamford—Biggar Charged with Treason.

Thirty-five Persons Drowned in Germany—Von Wimpffen's Suicide Due to Insanity.

THE FLOODS.

IN AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, Jan. 2.—All traces of the quays and the banks of the Danube are lost here. Their places are merely marked by eddies in the torrent. A great quantity of water is still expected from the upper river.

The Danube is still rising. The race-course is flooded as far as the Exhibition Building. At Frankenthal, Bavaria, 6,000 persons have endoned their homes.

IN GERMANY.

WIESBADEN, Jan. 2.—From Mayence downward the entire plain between Mannheim and Worms is an immense lake.

FIVE HUNDRED HOUSES DESTROYED.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 2.—The northeastern portion of North Brabant is submerged. There are hundreds homeless. Five hundred houses were destroyed by the floods in the villages around Worms.

GREAT BRITAIN.

RESIGNED.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Viscount Enfield has resigned the Under Secretaryship for India.

DEATH OF THE EARL OF STAMFORD.

George Harry Grey, Earl of Stamford and Warr, who succeeded to his title in 1845, died today aged 54. Although married, he leaves no direct heir. The Rev. Harry Grey, a gentleman 70 years old, succeeds him as Earl of Stamford and Warr.

BIGGAR CHARGED WITH TREASON.

WATERFORD, Jan. 2.—Biggar, Member of Parliament, was committed for trial on the charge of high treason, for utterances in a recent speech. Bail was accepted.

ARREST OF A PLAIN-SPOKEN MAN.

SLIGO, Jan. 2.—An ex-suspect named McDermot has been committed for trial for declaring that innocent blood had been shed by partisan Judges and drunken jurors.

FIGHT BETWEEN BAILIFFS AND PEASANTS.

DUBLIN, Jan. 2.—While three Emergency Bailiffs were approaching Upper Cross, County Tipperary, going for provisions, they were attacked by some peasants, and a struggle ensued. The Bailiffs fired at their assailants, killing one named Gleason, and wounding some others. Five of the attacking party were arrested.

GERMANY.

BISMARCK.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—At the Imperial reception on Monday Bismarck said that in the present position of politics, and now that parliamentary institutions are working satisfactorily, it would cause no misfortune to the country if he gave place to other men.

THIRTY-FIVE PERSONS DROWNED.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 2.—A boat conveying passengers today from Oppan to Ludwigshafen was dashed against a tree. Thirty-five persons were drowned.

AUSTRIA.

VON WIMPFFEN'S SUICIDE DUE TO INSANITY.

VIENNA, Jan. 2.—The suicide of Count Von Wimpffen, Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to France, was entirely due to insanity. The financial and other private affairs of deceased are in perfect order.

SOUTH AFRICA.

HORRIBLE RAVAGES OF THE SMALL-POX.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—Advices from Cape Town to the Board of Health state that during the last two months 9,000 people have been stricken with small-pox, and 2,400 died. The negroes object to vaccination.

EGYPT.

POLITICAL OFFENDERS AMNESTIED.

CAIRO, Jan. 2.—The remaining political offenders have been amnestied.

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BUSINESS NOTICES.

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THE RAILROADS.

Soft Coal Rates on Illinois Lines Raised by the Railroad Commissioners.

A Revolution in the Baggage Business—Meeting of Managers of Southwestern Roads.

Discussing the Matter of the Overissue of Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Stock.

The Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners' New Rates on Soft Coal to Go Into Effect Jan. 11.

The Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners have agreed upon an advance in rates on soft coal for all railroads owned and operated in the State of Illinois. The advance is only on distances of thirty-five miles and over. On distances less than thirty-five miles the old rates will continue in effect. The new maximum rates which go into effect Jan. 11, 1883, are as follows:

Distances.	Soft coal per ton.	Distances.	Soft coal per ton.
35 miles and over	30, $ 84	125 miles and over	140, $1.38
40 miles and over	35, 90	130 miles and over	145, 1.09
45 miles and over	40, 96	135 miles and over	150, 1.12
50 miles and over	45, 1.00	140 miles and over	155, 1.64
55 miles and over	50, 1.03	145 miles and over	160, 1.68
60 miles and over	55, 1.06	150 miles and over	165, 1.66
65 miles and over	60, 1.12	155 miles and over	170, 1.70
70 miles and over	65, 1.20	160 miles and over	175, 1.72
75 miles and over	70, 1.25	165 miles and over	180, 1.74
80 miles and over	75, 1.30	170 miles and over	185, 1.76
85 miles and over	80, 1.34	175 miles and over	190, 1.78
90 miles and over	85, 1.36	180 miles and over	195, 1.80
95 miles and over	90, 1.39	185 miles and over	200, 1.84
100 miles and over	95, 1.42	190 miles and over	210, 1.88
105 miles and over	100, 1.45	195 miles and over	220, 1.92
110 miles and over	105, 1.48	200 miles and over	230, 1.96
115 miles and over	110, 1.48	205 miles and over	240, 2.00
120 miles and over	115, 1.48	210 miles and over	250, 2.04
125 miles and over	120, 1.50	220 miles and over	260, 2.08
130 miles and over	125, 1.52	230 miles and over	270, 2.12
135 miles and over	130, 1.54	240 miles and over	280, 2.16
140 miles and over	135, 1.56	250 miles and over	290, 2.20

The New Baggage Agreement—A Radical Departure from the Old System of Handling Baggage.

The General Baggage Agents of the roads leading west from this city held a meeting yesterday at Commissioner Dixon's office, and completed their arrangements for carrying out the new baggage agreement recently adopted by the General Passenger Agents of those roads. This agreement, which goes into effect Feb. 1, is a radical departure from the system for handling baggage heretofore in vogue. The text of the new agreement is as follows:

First—No more than 150 pounds of personal baggage will be checked free for any ordinary traveler on a full ticket, nor more than seventy-five pounds of baggage on a half ticket; and all weight in excess of this amount shall be charged for at the regular excess baggage tariff rates.

Second—No pieces of baggage weighing more than 250 pounds will be accepted for transportation as baggage, or will be transported in baggage cars.

Third—No more than 200 pounds of commercial travelers' sample baggage will be carried free for any one commercial traveler.

Fourth—No more than 150 pounds will be carried as sample baggage for any one commercial traveler.

Fifth—On all commercial travelers' baggage weighing over 200 pounds the regular excess baggage tariff rates shall be charged, it being agreed that the excess baggage money book shall be adopted, and that to commercial travelers they shall be sold at nothing less than a net rate of four dollars ($4) per 1,000 miles per 100 pounds, and that nothing less than 25 cents per 100 pounds shall be accepted for fifty miles or under. It is also agreed that the General Baggage Agents shall meet at once and agree upon uniform excess baggage rates to and from competitive points. The above-named excess baggage money books shall be made to have a face value of $12.50 and $25 each. The regular excess baggage tariff shall not be less than one-half cent per mile per 100 pounds, and nothing less than 25 cents per 100 pounds shall be accepted for fifty miles or under.

Sixth—This agreement shall be printed at once and sent to all of the General Baggage Agents and heads of the passenger departments of all connecting lines as notice to them that in checking baggage by them over our respective roads, they will be expected to conform to the above rules.

Seventh—These rules shall be signed by the General Baggage Agents of our respective roads, and approved by the General Passenger Agents thereof, and then shall be so distributed as to reach the traveling public as speedily as possible.

Eighth—The present form of excess baggage book, sold from this date, shall be limited to expire with Jan. 31, 1883, and after that date none will be sold.

Important Meeting to Be Held Today—Final Action to Be Taken Regarding the Formation of a Southwestern Passenger Pool—Breakers Ahead.

The General Managers and General Passenger Agents of the Southwestern roads will meet at Commissioner Midgley's office this morning to take final action regarding the proposed formation of a pool or an ironclad traffic arrangement on passenger business between Chicago and St. Louis, Chicago and Kansas City, and St. Louis and Kansas City. As far as can be learned, the idea of forming a pool at present has been abandoned. The Committee of General Passenger Agents at their meeting last Saturday, it is understood, found it impossible to draw up a satisfactory plan for pooling the business. Instead they will recommend the adoption of an ironclad agreement for the strict maintenance of rates, and a penalty of $1,000 is to be provided for a violation of the agreement. Each road is to take all the business it can, and the business done during the year is to be taken as the basis upon which to base a pool next year.

It is very doubtful whether this plan will meet the approval of the General Managers. The Alton and Rock Island Roads are said to be strongly in favor of such an agreement, but the Illinois Central and Burlington are said to be strongly opposed to it, and the Wabash will probably take sides with them. The latter lines demand that the business be pooled now, and contend that such a traffic agreement as is proposed will not in the least do away with the abuse which it is sought to correct. Under such an arrangement, they say, some of the roads will use all the means in their power to secure the bulk of the business in order to make as big a showing as possible at the end of the year, and then claim that percentages for a pool should be based on those figures. The continued efforts of two or three of the roads to keep the good will of the ticket sellers and scalpers by insisting that large commissions should continue to be paid to them is held to indicate such a desire on the part of those roads. Another road has also announced that it means to substitute chair cars for all its first-class coaches, which, it is claimed, is simply a bid for the bulk of the first-class business, as some of the other roads are not yet ready to make similar improvements. The meeting today will no doubt be a hot one, and the indications are that no arrangement of any kind will be made. Appearances point strongly to another serious war on Southwestern passenger business.

Subsequent to the passenger meeting there will be a number of other meetings of Western General Managers and General Freight Agents to try to adjust various freight complications in the Southwestern Association, Iowa Trunk Line Association, and Colorado Traffic Association.

New Extensions of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway.

Mr. F. C. Nims, General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway, announces that during 1882 this company constructed 217 miles of new road in Colorado and 144 miles in Utah, besides 39 miles purchased, making a total addition of 400 miles to its system. A large portion of this construction has been in the most rugged section of the mountains, where the work has been slow, difficult, and expensive.

The value of the new sections opened to commerce and settlement has been commensurate with the expenditure. In the four months following the completion of the line to Silverton, in the San Juan, the ore shipments from that point exceeded tenfold over previous produce. The extension of the trunk line to the Utah border has opened the Valleys of the Gunnison, Uncompahgre, and Grand Rivers, with their million acres of arable and grazing land, where little more than a year ago the "dusky savage wooed his dusky mate." The addition to the Crested Butte Branch has carried the rails into the anthracite coal veins of the Elk Mountains. In Utah, a new line into Pleasant Valley has rendered more accessible and available large and valuable beds of the best bituminous coal in the Territory; and the fertile Uinta Basin has been stimulated by a healthy activity in production, in transportation. The production of the mineral region tributary to the system in Colorado and Utah has increased 50 per cent, while the development work indicates a still greater progress for the future. The new through line to Ogden approaches completion. At this date but ninety miles remain to be built westward to form the connection. The material is on hand, force employed, and condition of the work, warrant the assertion that through trains will be running between Denver and Salt Lake by March 1st prox.

The Del Norte Branch will be extended fifteen miles to Wagon Wheel Gap, a health and pleasure resort second only to Manitou, and two other important and valuable feeders will be built in Colorado during the year. Connecting roads will be asked at an early day to prepare a generous ticket representation via these new routes.

The Bee-Line, the Nickel-Plate, the Three C.'s & I., Vanderbilt, and Other Matters.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 2.—Gen. Devereux and Judge Burke, accompanied by Gen. Barnett, all Bee-Line Directors, and the two former at least interested in the Nickel-Plate, left for New York tonight to attend to some important business for both roads. Thursday there will be a Directors' meeting of the C., C., C. & I. The most important part of that meeting will be the consideration of a dividend. Without definit authority for stating it, it is believed one will be declared of about 2 per cent. The cash that has been earned for this purpose has gone to the purchase of the Indianapolis & St. Louis Road, and the dividend must now be supplied by the disposition of bonds of that company. Friday a meeting of the Directors of the Nickel-Plate occurs. It seems to be pretty well settled that Gen. Devereux will be elected President of the company, and that few of the present Directors will remain. Judge Burke was asked whether Vanderbilt really had full control of the Nickel-Plate. The Judge appeared to consider it a startling question, for he answered cautiously: "No one can tell what the future may develop, but it is proper to say that Mr. Vanderbilt has no such control at present." The corps of engineers who have been laying out the gilt-edge line from Brocton to Cleveland parallel to the Nickel-Plate struck the rim of this city and stopped there. It is stated that they will now return direct to Brocton to map out another line from that point west. The new line is to take a more southerly turn to a point near Corry from Brocton, and then follow the old Clinton Air Line, a road which was nearly completed some thirty years ago. It is stated that this new survey contemplates a combination of this gilt-edge, the Clinton Air-Line, the Pittsburg & Western to Akron, and the extension of this latter road from Youngstown to Toledo. Rumors are numerous and complicated.

The Overissue of Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Stock—Marietta & Cincinnati Matters.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 2.—The General Manager of the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway is in receipt of a letter from London, which is said to lay the responsibility for the Doughty overissue of bonds to Theodore Cook, the President of the company. The letter is reported to further say that Mr. Cook will not be continued as President of the company, and the Directors satisfactory to the London stockholders, regardless of the wishes of the Cincinnati interest. Mr. Scott refuses to divulge the exact contents of the letter. Mr. Cook refuses to talk upon the subject further than to say that he does not expect to be continued. He says that the London stockholders are in a majority, and can turn him out, and the whole board with him, if they choose. So far as he is aware, the London people have not yet determined what their policy will be regarding the overissue of stock.

Private letters received here announced that "Cincinnati, Washington & Baltimore" has been determined upon as the new name for the Marietta & Cincinnati Railway. Receiver J. H. Stewart, formerly General Superintendent, has been appointed General Manager by the Purchasing Committee, and will continue the road until the reorganization is completed, and very probably afterward. Receivers Samuel Woodard and J. H. Stewart will continue to work together until the affairs of the Receivership are wound up.

First Regular Train Over the New Broad-Gage Tracks of the Pittsburg & Western.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 2.—The first regular train passed over the new broad-gage tracks of the Pittsburg & Western Railroad this morning from Allegheny City to Newcastle Junction, about sixty miles northeast from Pittsburg. This road since the change embraces both the narrow and broad-gage systems, the former branching from the latter at Callery Junction and running to Foxburg and beyond, and the broad-gage running to Newcastle Junction. Both eastern and western connections are secured by the new road. Connection is made at Newcastle Junction with the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Road for Youngstown and Newcastle, but the Pittsburg & Western Railroad will soon have an all-rail route to both of these places, as they are laying tracks to Newcastle and own an interest in the Pittsburg, Cleveland & Toledo Railroad from Newcastle to Akron through Youngstown. This will open up connection through the west. At Newcastle connection is made for Eastern points with the Erie City & Chicago and Buffalo, Pittsburg & Western Railroads. The narrow gage connects at Foxburg with the Pittsburg, Bradford & Buffalo narrow-gage line, and at Kane with the Philadelphia & Erie, the Great Western, and the New York, Erie & Western Railroads. Thus the Wabash system is practically at our doors.

The Troubles of the St. Louis and Western—Denial of the Motion to Appoint a Receiver.

KEOKUK, Ia., Jan. 2.—A motion to appoint a Receiver for the St. Louis & Western Railway was argued before United States Circuit Judge McCrary in chambers today and overruled. An injunction was granted restraining defendants from disposing of the property until the final hearing of the case, and the matter is referred to Gov. Reynolds, of St. Louis, as special Commissioner to take testimony. The application was made by mortgage bondholders amounting to about $400,000, and resisted by parties having supply and mechanic liens, which were alleged to be prior to the mortgage.

A Transportation Bureau to Be Established at Indianapolis.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 2.—Some time this month the Board of Trade will establish a transportation bureau for the purpose of adjusting freight rates between the members and the railroads. It will be in the nature of a general freight agency, and members can obtain freight rates, adjustment of claims, etc., and it will be the duty of the agent in charge to secure special rates upon application. It is hoped by this means to adjust satisfactorily the discrimination against the city in freight rates. The bureau will be modeled after the freight bureau just going into operation in St. Louis.

Dividends Declared.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 2.—The Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent on the last six months' business, and the Belt Railroad & Stock-Yards Company a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent for the same time.

Correction.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 2.—It appears that Col. Thomas McKissock has been appointed General Manager of the Madison County Ferry & Car-Transfer Company, instead of the Venice & Carondelet and Illinois & St. Louis Railroads, as previously announced.

The New Bridge Across Niagara River.

BUFFALO, Jan. 2.—The new Suspension Railroad bridge for the Michigan Central and Canada Southern Railroad Companies will be constructed below the falls.

The Hartford & Harlem Road.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Arthur M. Billings, of Chicago, is a Director of the Hartford & Harlem Railroad Company. Articles of association were filed today.

The New York, Lake Erie & Western Ordered to Pay a Dividend.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Judge Wheeler in the United States Circuit Court gave a decision in favor of the orators in the action of T. Nickais and others against the New York, Lake Erie & Western Railroad Company and others. The defendant corporation was reorganized by the holders of preferred and common stock and security holders, provision being made for the issue of preferred stock to an amount equal to the preferred stock of the Erie Railway Company, entitling the holder to non-cumulative dividends at 6 per cent per annum. The Directors of the company decided to expend the profits of the year 1880 in improving the road and refused to declare a dividend. The court ordered a dividend paid.

Miscellaneous Items.

The total receipts of live stock in this city during 1882 by all the roads amounted to 177,237 cars. Of this the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy hauled 49,872.

Mr. Sumner Hopkins, heretofore Northwestern Freight and Passenger Agent of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, has been appointed General Northern Agent, with headquarters at 95 Clark street, Chicago.

The Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad yesterday brought in three carloads of European emigrants. The Lake Shore brought in two car-loads and the Michigan Central two car-loads.

Mr. V. M. Came has resigned the position of General Agent of the Freight Department of the Union Pacific Railway at Denver. Mr. D. B. Keeler has been appointed acting General Agent at Denver in place of Mr. Came.

Mr. R. B. Hazlett, formerly of the Northern Pacific Railway, who was reported as having sold some passes to scalpers, claims not to be guilty of the charge. He says he lost the passes which thus found their way into the hands of the scalpers.

Mr. Harry White has been appointed Western Traveling Agent for the passenger department of the Denver & Rio Grande, with headquarters at Denver, Colo. His territory will comprise all the country west of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

Mr. H. B. Ledyard, General Manager of the Michigan Central Railroad, will be in the city this morning to perfect arrangements for transacting the through freight and passenger business in connection with the Canada Southern, which will hereafter be operated by the Michigan Central.

The Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis & Chicago Railroad (Kankakee Line) has opened a general office for the transaction of freight business in this city, with Mr. J. M. Johnson, Assistant General Freight Agent, in charge. The office is on Washington street, corner of Board of Trade alley.

Mr. W. B. Cobb, heretofore Traveling Passenger Agent of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway Company, has been appointed Eastern Passenger Agent of that company, with office at 135 Randolph street, Chicago. He will have supervision of the Denver & Rio Grande's passenger interests, including ticket representation, east of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad's New Year's Day received twenty-one cars of grain and millstuff from Western roads for transfer, weighed the empties, transferred the loads to its own cars, weighed up the loads, and had them all on their way East before 5 p. m., although it was New Year's Day, when most of the employes might be expected to be off enjoying themselves.

Vice-President R. S. Hayes, of the Missouri Pacific system, makes the following official announcement of the consolidation of the Galveston, Houston & Henderson Railroad with the Missouri Pacific: "On and after Jan. 1 the duties of the heads of the several departments of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company will include the operation of the Galveston, Houston & Henderson Railroad, and the City of Galveston be considered the terminal on the Gulf coast."

The Chicago & Northwestern Railway gives notice that on and after Jan. 1, 1883, it will operate the extension of the Maple River Railroad from Sac City to Holstein, with the following stations: Early, 18. 420 miles from Elmore; Schiller, 238 miles; Galva, 244 miles; and Holstein, 253 miles. Stations in Iowa will use local distance tariff of April 21, 1879. Other stations will use the above distances and waybill subject to the Inter-State tariff and classification unless they have been otherwise specially instructed.

Mr. John C. Gould, Second Vice-President of the Wabash, has issued the following circular announcing the appointment of Mr. M. Knight as General Freight Agent: "Mr. A. C. Bird having resigned his position as General Freight Agent of the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway to take effect Jan. 1, 1883, Mr. M. Knight has been promoted to fill the vacancy and will assume the duties of the position on that date. Mr. C. L. Wellington has been promoted to the position of First Assistant General Freight Agent, and Mr. E. S. Macken has been appointed Second Assistant General Freight Agent." The promotion of Mr. Knight to the position of General Freight Agent gives general satisfaction. He is an able and efficient freight-man, and has earned the promotion by years of long and faithful work in the service of the Wabash. A man better qualified to follow Mr. Bird could not have been selected.

The Springfield (Mass.) *Republican* says: "Is Villard to become a northwestern Jay Gould? It is reported that control of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railroad has been bought by his party, and, if it be so, the Northern Pacific management has substantially got control of traffic in the Red River Valley. The road acquired has two lines running northwesterly from St. Paul, one connecting with the Canadian Pacific at St. Vincent, at the northwest corner of Minnesota, and the other bearing more to the westward and running on the other side of the Red River in Dakota to Devil's Lake, where the season's construction ended. Over 1,000 miles of the road are in operation, and considerable extensions are proposed. Heretofore the lines have made a necessary outlet for the Canadian Pacific, but the recent completion of the Thunder Bay Division of that road makes it independent, and the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba would find the Northern Pacific its natural ally, even if the ownership were separate."

The Chicago Committee of East-Bound Traffic held its regular weekly meeting yesterday at Commissioner Midgley's office. The proposed formation of an association for weighing car-load freight being shipped east from this city was further considered, but no result was reached. Mr. Moore is to call another meeting to be held some day this week to consider further this matter. The following circular regarding weight on cattle shipments destined to points west of the western terminl of the trunk lines was ordered to be sent to live-stock agents: "The minimum weight of 10,000 pounds on cattle shipments, as per circular No. 31, does not apply to shipments of cattle destined to points west of the western terminl of the trunk lines; such shipments being subject to a minimum weight of 20,000 pounds. All in excess of that minimum on such shipments should be charged actual weight, and all shipments destined east of the western terminl of the trunk lines should be charged actual weight above 19,000 pounds minimum.

The representatives of the five roads entering the city over the Western Indiana, which recently became the owners of this road, will meet at the office of the Western Indiana this morning to complete the work of reorganization and to elect new officers. Mr. Robert Harris, Vice-President of the Erie and Chicago & Atlantic Railways, will arrive here this morning to participate in the proceedings of the meeting. It is generally understood that Mr. Harris will be President of the reorganized company and Mr. Andrew Crawford will probably be prevailed upon to accept the position of Vice-President and General Manager. Mr. J. B. Brown, ex-President of the Western Indiana, arrived here yesterday, after an absence in New York and the East of about six months. He was busy all day signing papers and documents to be turned over today to the new owners. Mr. Brown, who still remains President of the South Chicago Dock Company, and is largely identified with coal-mining interests in Indiana, has rented a suite of commodious offices on the second floor of the First National Bank Building, where he will hereafter have his headquarters.

Mr. P. S. Eustis, General Ticket Agent of the Burlington & Missouri River Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, announces that commencing Jan. 1, his company will sell 500 and 1,000 mile passenger tickets, good only on its lines in Kansas and Nebraska east of McCook Station at two and a half cents per mile. These tickets are issued only to business-men and their traveling representatives doing business with the company. They are placed in the hands of ticket agents at all the principal junction stations, but will be sold only upon an order from the General Freight Agent. All parties will therefore have to obtain the necessary order in advance of any trip. Mileage tickets are issued in the name of one individual only, are not transferable, and are limited in time to six months for 500 miles and one year for 1,000 miles. Between the Missouri River and Colorado, and between junction points in Nebraska and Denver a commercial rate of $19 will be made for the same class of business-men. One hundred and fifty pounds of baggage will be carried free on any of these commercial or mileage tickets, and all weight in excess of that will be charged for at the rate of $2.25 per 100 pounds.

The New York *World* says: There was a good deal of amusement in Wall street yesterday over the suit against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. The penal code has extended as far as Iowa, for a cow of irreligious habits, while wandering about on the Sabbath, walked upon the track of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Road in front of a train and perished in her sins. The owner very illogically undertook to punish the railway company for his cow's Sabbath-breaking by bringing suit for damages, which he endeavored to increase by citing a statute which provides that any person found performing any labor on the Sabbath day, the work of charity and necessity excepted, shall upon conviction be fined not exceeding $5. The lower court found for the plaintiff, but the Supreme Court now reverses this decision, declaring that while it is true that the cow would not have been killed if the train had not been running on Sunday it is also true that she would not have been killed if she had not got on the track, so the proximate cause of the injury was not the operation of the train, but the result of an accident, for which the company was not responsible, and no other liability attaches to the company than is imposed by the statute—$5 fine. So the company will have to pay $5 to satisfy an obsolete law, cited for mercenary purposes; but the owner of the wicked cow will have to stand the consequences of her Sabbath-breaking.

A YOUNG WIFE'S FATE.

She Attacked Her Aged Husband with Knives, and He Killed Her.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Word reached here this afternoon of the murder of Mrs. Joshua Gifford by her husband at South Granby, a little hamlet about fifteen miles from here, in a remote part of Onondaga County. The reports that first reached the Sheriff were to the effect that Mrs. Gifford had murdered her husband, but this seems to have been reversed. No one saw the bloody deed, and the statement made by Gifford is the only story of the crime to be obtained. When taken into custody by Sheriff Bennett he refused to make any statement, saying that he wished to consult counsel. It was late this evening before he would tell anything of the crime or what led to it. He is a farmer of means, and has always been active and robust. His first wife died about twelve years ago, and very shortly he married Mrs. Mary Burnet at Baldwinsville. She seems to have

MADE HIS LIFE MISERABLE.

She gained the ill-will of his children and friends, and claimed that he found that it was impossible for her to gain possession of his property, she left him. After being absent some time she returned. Gifford is now in his 80th year, but she was only 40. His statement, which is corroborated in many particulars, was made to the District-Attorney and Coroner, and is as follows:

"Yesterday morning Mrs. Gifford ordered the best turnout on the farm and left home, driving toward Baldwinsville. She would make no reply to my inquiries as to where she was going and when she would return. Life had become such a burden to me that I determined to end it. I drove to Little Utica and bought the largest and best revolver I could find. I was about to start for home again when I met my son, and foolishly

TOLD HIM OF MY PURPOSE

and intention. He took the weapon from me and went home with me. Just as we drove into the yard Mrs. Gifford came. She saw my son with me and became very much excited. He immediately left the premises. After we had entered the house my wife charged me with having some conspiracy with my son. She stepped into the pantry and returned with a keenly-sharpened knife in each hand. She drove me into a corner and cut me on the left cheek, and before I could recover myself she cut me on the left side of my neck. I managed to get hold of the stove-poker, and hit her on the head, killing her instantly."

GIFFORD SUFFERED FROM THE LOSS OF BLOOD,

but managed to reach the street, and notified some of the neighbors. When they entered the house Mrs. Gifford was lying on the floor dead, with a huge knife clutched in each hand. The furniture and floor were covered with blood, and Mrs. Gifford's brains were oozing out on the carpet. As soon as he was able after receiving medical treatment Gifford gave himself up to the authorities. He is now locked up at the jail. Mrs. Gifford is described as a woman of very violent temper, and would hesitate at nothing. She had stated to some of her friends that she would kill Gifford some time.

ART MATTERS.

The Fanning Collection of Water-Colors.

Mr. W. H. Fanning is making his annual visit to Chicago with a large and really important collection of foreign water-color paintings, bought by himself while abroad during the past season. They are shown at O'Brien's gallery, on Wabash avenue, and although not so gayly-attractive a display as the dashing and brilliantly-colored figure studies and sketches of the students of the florid Spanish school exhibited by Mr. Fanning last season, they are deserving of more serious consideration from the fact that they are for the most part careful and finished productions by artists of good reputation, embodying some subject of interest and treating it with all the strength and freedom or all the clever care and minute detail of the school to which they may belong. The collection comprises about 400 works, and includes the names of such men as Fortuny, Sir John Gilbert, Josef Israels, David Cox, Simonetti, Senn, Brinsley, De Penne, and W. Mavis, as well as many others of note. Although there is only one example of each of the three first named, artists, a great deal of interest is manifested in a small single figure of a cavalier by Fortuny, bearing, as did all his pictures sold from his studio after his death, the stamp of the French Government; also "Marmion's Defiance of Douglas," by Sir John Gilbert, A. R. A. This picture was bought from McLean's gallery in London, and is a spirited work, showing breadth of treatment united to the most precise reproduction of detail. Even the jeweled spurs and saddle-cloth seem to radiate light, as does the steel armor of Marmion, who is portrayed at the moment when, having defied Douglas—

Lord Marmion turned—well was his need—
And dashed the rowels in his steed,
Like arrow through the archway sprung,
The ponderous grate behind him rung.
And one can almost seem to hear him as

He halts and turns with clenched hand
And shout of loud defiance pours,
And shook his gauntlet at the towers.

Little as this picture is—only 16x20 inches—it is considered worth at least $1,000. But better than all the others, perhaps better than any aquarelle ever brought to Chicago is the "Sultan's Favorit," by a young Spanish artist scarcely out of his teens, named Ruiz, who has already won the gold medal of Rome. The son of a noted artist, he has chosen to use, not his own, but his mother's name, and it is said that this mother, still young and beautiful, posed as the model for her son in this delightful dream of Oriental magnificence and luxuriousness. The scene pictures a room in the interior of an Eastern palace replete with rich surroundings. In the centre of this room is a couch upon which reclines the "Sultan's Favorit." Her bare feet rest upon a floor strewn with roses that have fallen from her couch; one hand just touches a mandolin, the other holds the stem of a narghill between the taper fingers. The face and head is partially covered by a filmy veil. The work is most perfectly and beautifully handled with the greatest tenderness and freedom throughout, and the result is most satisfactory. Only five colors are apparently used—venetian red, madder lake, burnt umber, and a very little blue and green—no Chinese white at all. "Hunting Dogs," by De Penne, is a fine example of the artist's skill, and is very generally admired; while for richness of color and strength and vigor of handling no better example could be wished for than "The Arab Scout," by Alonda. There are six pictures by Indoni of varying merit, several by Simonetti, and a strong sketch by Munkacsy of a "Blacksmith." The sale of these pictures begins Thursday and will continue until next week.

Please note it! Harry Thomas is now at 104 and 106 Madison street, with F. M. Atwood, successor to A. J. Nutting & Co.

THE NORTHWEST.

News Gatherings from the Territory Tributary to Chicago.

Sensational Career of an Indiana Clergyman Whose Hobby Was Matrimony.

A Victim of the Coercion Act on His Death-Bed in Milwaukee.

INDIANA.

SEVEN TIMES MARRIED AND ONE TIME LYNCHED.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 2.—The following statement came from Morristown today and will add another chapter to the great sensation at Springfield, Mo., caused by the hanging of the Rev. James Rector by a mob: The highly-sensational story about the hanging of the Rev. James Rector in Springfield, Mo., by Judge Lynch has claimed the attention of most of our citizens, to whom he was well known, having served as pastor to one of our neighboring churches, and having owned and lived on a farm near here for several years. He was a man of learning and a great revivalist. He married a daughter of William Handy, of this place, a beautiful and refined lady of good family, who discovered after the marriage that her husband had three living wives. In consequence of ill-treatment she obtained a divorce and is now the happy wife of an influential farmer. The Rev. Mr. Rector was evidently a much-married man, as rumor says he has had three wives since his divorce from the one mentioned, making seven in all. The universal verdict here is that he has at last met his just dues.

ASSIGNMENT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 2.—George B. Irwin, milliner, today made an assignment to George W. Ely; liabilities $25,000, due mostly to Eastern creditors. Mr. Irwin formerly traveled for a New York millinery house.

BOTH COZORED—BOTH DRUNK.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Ind., Jan. 2.—William Tondy was shot dead at Vevay, twenty miles above Madison, by Louis Ford Sunday night. Tondy lives in a wife and child. The murderer fled to Kentucky. Both colored and both drunk.

JAYEAUX—DENNETT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ELKHART, Ind. Jan. 2.—At the residence of the bride's parents last evening, Miss Annie Jayeaux, one of Elkhart's fairest daughters, was married to Mr. H. W. Dennett, of Boston, Mass. The Rev. R. E. Neighbor pronounced the words which made them one. They take a trip to Concord, N. H., and thence to Boston, where they will reside.

KNIFED HIS RIVAL.

A jealous Swede, named John Miller, last night attempted to kill his successful rival, Jacob Troxel, by plunging a knife in his back while accompanying the young lady home. He was immediately arrested and lodged in jail. The wound is severe and may result fatally.

AGRICULTURAL.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 2.—The delegates of the State Board of Agriculture met today and were addressed by Gov. Porter and Dr. G. B. Loring, Commissioner of Agriculture. Tonight Dr. Loring delivered a public address upon the work of the bureau.

A TERRITORIAL APPOINTMENT.

Judge Francis Adkinson, of Lawrenceburg, filed his official bond today as Register of the Land-Office at Helena, Mont, vice George W. Friedley, who declined the appointment to take the position of General Attorney of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

WARSAW, Ind., Jan. 2.—The Coroner's inquest today indicates that William Hall, whose dead body was found Saturday night, was murdered by Schaefer Southerly, who is under arrest.

MURDERED BY ROUGHS.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 2.—The little son of Policeman Snock was shot last Sunday night by one of three roughs, who were with difficulty captured by the police. They are from Cincinnati, and gave their names as John Behrman, George Hirchenberger, and John Krauss. The boy died yesterday. The men claim that a remark made by some of Smock's little companions, and drew a pistol and fired.

MICHIGAN.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JACKSON, Mich., Jan. 2.—News received today from Fitchburg states that Mrs. P. Tinker, 80 years of age, last Saturday evening was frightfully burned by her clothes taking fire as is supposed from the stove while preparing supper. Her husband, who was at the barn, hearing her cries, ran to her assistance. She had thrown herself upon a bed in her frantic efforts to smother the flames, and before they could be subdued nearly every rag of clothing was burned from her body. The bed was instantly in flames, but the promptness of neighbors soon brought them under control. The unfortunate woman died Monday.

A LIBEL SUIT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ADRIAN, Mich., Jan. 2.—Late last evening T. S. Applegate and J. H. Pea, editors and proprietors of the Adrian *Times*, were arrested upon a capias issued at the complaint of Willis Merritt, the former law partner of the absconding Navin, on a charge of libel. Bail was fixed at $5,000. Col. H. A. Colvin and Dr. Charles Bond promptly offered the necessary surety, and the gentlemen were discharged. Merritt's grievance lies in a statement published in the *Times* on the 16th of December alleging that Merritt and Navin retained $813 out of a policy of life-insurance due Mrs. J. J. Lowe, of Ridgeway, paying her but $1,435, and that Merritt, shortly after the late election disgorged the money under the persuasive power of a capias. The amount of damages claimed by Merritt is not stated, but report puts it at $35,000.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

EAST SAGINAW, Mich., Jan. 2.—The boiler in the sawmill of H. P. Hollister, three miles northeast of the Village of St. Louis, exploded yesterday, killing S. R. Goodwin, and injuring J. Richter severely and H. Myer slightly. The cause was low water. The engineer has been arrested.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

HOLLAND, Mich., Jan. 2.—This afternoon at about 1 o'clock the flour and saw mill at Filmore Centre, Allegan County, about eight miles southeast from here, blew up. It is supposed to have been caused by too high pressure of steam. It blew out one end of the mill, without taking fire, throwing the boiler across the railroad track over the depot, some thirty yards beyond. Seven men were badly hurt, whose names could not be learned, and they will probably recover. The son of the proprietor, H. Telman, was injured fatally, dying a few moments afterwards.

DEATH OF JEREMIAH ROGERS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

COLDWATER, Mich., Jan. 2.—Jeremiah Rogers, proprietor of a country hotel at Orangeville, in this county, died this morning of consumption. He was for a number of years a local politician of considerable influence in this city and county, and several times received favors at the hands of his fellow-citizens. He was formerly much known about the State as an officer of more than ordinary detective ability, but of late years he had lived a life of seclusion.

ILLINOIS.

THE PARDON MILL.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Jan. 2.—A petition to Gov. Cullom for pardon of Edward Goodspeed, who was sentenced to thirty-four years in the Joliet penitentiary, for the murder of Stalz, at the fair grounds in this city in 1879, is being circulated here for signatures. Goodspeed has been in prison at Joliet since March, 1880, and has made a remarkably fine record. Lieut.-Gov. Hamilton was his attorney. It is thought the petition will be presented soon.

REFUSED A PASS.

Simeon H. West, elected a few days ago by Democrats to a seat in the Legislature, today publishes an open letter to General-Manager J. C. McMullin, of the Chicago & Alton, refusing to accept a free pass over the Alton, on the ground that to accept it would be improper. West expatiates quite patriotically on the duties of the legislator. He is quite wealthy and a prominent farmer of this county.

THE DEATH OF DR. J. T. B. STAPP.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

VANDALIA, Ill., Jan. 2.—The news received here yesterday of the death of Dr. J. T. B. Stapp, at Decatur, caused universal regret among his many acquaintances. The deceased was one of the pioneer settlers of Fayette County, having moved here as early as 1826. Although being a graduate in medicine he practiced but little, and finally gave it up altogether before he left here. Besides being State Land Agent at this point for a period of four years, he also held various other positions of public trust. He accumulated wealth rapidly, and at one time owned the entire block on the south side of the public square. He was noted for his charitable acts and the interest he took in public matters generally, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. In 1855 he moved to Decatur, where he resided until his death.

MEETING OF PHYSICIANS AT JERSEYVILLE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JERSEYVILLE, Ill., Jan. 2.—A meeting of the Southwestern Medical and Surgical Association with the Jersey County Medical Society took place in this city today. Among those present were Drs. Shobe, Barry, Van Horn, D. Hadway, and Shumrall; Drs. Chapman, Potts, and Redwine, of Whitehall; Dr. Fay, of Winchester; Dr. Clement, of Brighton. Dr. E. L. H. Barry, of this city, read an essay on alcohol as a food to the nervous system, taking the ground that the regular and moderate use of this stimulant was conducive to health and human happiness, from a purely scientific standpoint. Dr. Ch

well-known singer, who had ... service to the Republican ... family in heavy circumstances ... result was a subscription ... and efforts are to be made ... substantial sum.

LACKAWANNA.

Dispatch of The Chicago Tribune.

Jan. 1.—A letter just received ... Lieut. H. F. Fickbohm, of the steamer Lackawanna, says ... Callao, Peru, on the 15th ... for Honolulu, Hawaiian ... depate in the coronation ceremonies of Kalakaua, to take place on ... January. From Honolulu the ... go to San Francisco. All ... were reported well.

COMFORT.

Beside a Country Physician ... He Thinks of Some ... People.

... some people would learn when ... and when they don't," exclaimed ... entered his house in a cosy little ... of the State of New York, after ... of many miles. "I have been ... mountains to see a man who the ... very sick and not likely to live ... he had immediate help; and found ... a rather sharp attack of colic, ... that have relieved in ten minutes if ... sense and two or three simple ... use. But no; they must remain ... and, when the least ache or pain ... a doctor, whether they ever pay ... that kind of simple remedies, as ... you expect people to keep in the ... life, as she poured him a cup of ... Poured the Doctor, "if they had ... PLASTER ... he would have been all right in ... a dreary ride."

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CONFLAGRATIONS.

Property to the Value of $125,000 Destroyed at Pine Bluff, Ark.

Effective Work Prevented by a Local Squabble—Losses and Insurance.

Several Business Buildings Burned at Manistee, Mich.—Loss About $50,000.

Fires at Ottawa, Ill., Forest City, Ark., and Elsewhere, Entailing Considerable Loss.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Again the Victim of a Big Blaze—Loss $125,000.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Jan. 2.—About 2:30 this morning fire broke out in the rear of the two-story brick block occupied by Rosenbaum & Ties, furniture dealers, and Sol Rosenberg, plantation supplies, and in less than two hours property to the value of $125,000 was destroyed. The fire originated in the mattress-making department of Rosenbaum & Ties' store, and, as there was no fire in the room, it is believed to be the work of incendiaries.

THE LOSSES AND INSURANCE

are as follows: Sol Rosenberg, stock and building, loss $20,000, insured $15,500; Rosenbaum & Ties, furniture, loss $10,000, insured $5,000; James Pangell, stock and building $1,200; insurance none; M. M. Dodds, stock and building, loss $20,000, insured $8,000; S. Pepperman, loss $2,500, insurance unknown; Honnett & Weil, stock and building, $17,000, insurance $10,500; M. Simon, stock $7,500, insured $3,000; M. Parse, jewelry, loss $7,000, insured $2,000; E. Meyer, stock, etc., loss $7,500, insured $3,500; F. M. Altschul, stock and furniture, $5,000, insured $2,000; Taylor, Cleveland & Co., loss and damage to stock $12,000, covered; Kaufman & Co., loss $7,000, insured for $3,000; Allen, West & Bush, damage to building $2,000, covered; R. T. Atkinson & Co., damage to stock $15,000, covered; G. Meyer & Co., damaged stock, loss $10,000, covered; Wiley Jones, damaged stock, loss $500; Knights of Pythias, loss $300; other lodges, loss $200; Abe Meyers, loss on groceries $1,000; McGregor & Thompson, stock of hardware and building, $2,000 damage; W. L. Dewoody, druggist, and F. G. Smart, owner of three-story brick, both badly damaged, last named $15,000.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE THE NAMES OF COMPANIES

holding insurance, as the agency had been moved and the books are in confusion. The Garland Grays were holding a dance over the room in which the fire broke out when the alarm was sounded. Though they all escaped, wraps and cloaks were lost. The city has a steam fire-engine, but, there being a squabble between the City Council and the Fire Department, it was permitted to get out of order and was of no use.

A Five-Thousand-Dollar Blaze at Ottawa, Ill.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OTTAWA, Ill., Jan. 2.—Fire broke out in the basement of C. W. Hoxie's crockery-store last night about 1 o'clock, burning the joist of the floor, and occasioning a loss on stock from fire and water of about $5,000, and on the building of about $800. The building was insured in the Royal of Liverpool, $1,000; Phœnix, Hartford, $1,000. The stock was insured in the German Insurance Company of Buffalo, $1,000; American Fire-Insurance Company, Philadelphia, $1,000; Fireman's Fund, San Francisco, $1,000; Garden Insurance Company, London, $1,000; German Insurance Company, Freeport, $500; Fire-Insurance Company, Watertown, N. Y., $500. Mr. Hoxie loses principally by the streams of water breaking lamps, china sets, and other fancy goods.

In Chicago.

The alarm from Box No. 121 at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning was caused by the discovery of fire in the two-story frame barn in the rear of No. 2109 State street, occupied upon the first floor by Patrick Farrell, a teamster, as a stable, and upon the second floor as a dwelling by several families of colored people. The flames were quickly extinguished, but the damage by smoke was considerable, all of Farrell's stock being suffocated. There were seven horses worth $100 each and five mules worth $150 each. In addition to this loss Farrell sustained $75 damage to his harness and lost a ton of hay. He is insured in the Traders' for $2,100 and in the Allemania of Pittsburg for $1,200. The colored occupants on the second floor sustained a small loss only. The building is damaged to the extent of $100, is owned by F. R. Otis, and is insured.

Report of Chicago Fires for the Month of December.

Total number of alarms, 65; second alarms, 9; second and third combined, 1; stills, 76. The causes for the same are as follows: False, 20; unknown, 23; chimney fires, 8; 7 each defective chimneys and communicated; overheated furnaces, 6; supposed incendiarism, 4; 3 each salamander, defectively-constructed grate, overheated stoves, and the ignition of escaping gas; 2 each chimneys without flue-stopper, matches dropped among clothing and waste, defective foundation under boilers, thawing out water-pipes with kerosene oil and lamps, explosion of kerosene oil lamps, cigar stubs, wood-work coming in contact with stoves, and spontaneous combustion.

Of the buildings 12 were stone, 33 brick, and 20 frame. They were occupied as follows: Dwellings, 35; four each—bakeries and tenements; three each—restaurants, law offices and churches; two each—brothels, furniture manufactories, packing houses, liquor stores, jewelry, printing offices, furs stores, hotels, groceries, and saloons. Total insurance involved, $895,345; total loss, $61,166; total loss to insurance companies near as can be ascertained up to date, $50,104.

At Manistee, Mich., Loss About $50,000, Insurance $36,000.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 2.—Fire at Manistee last night destroyed J. H. Russell's meat market, L. W. Miller's photograph gallery, James Vanduzen's saloon, Dinehart's dwelling-house and barn, and the stores of Parry & Moe, hardware; Miss Newsen and the Misses Haley, millinery; Barrett & Cogwin, novelty; and Bideiman & Lane, clothing. Loss about $50,000; insurance, $36,000.

Several Blazes of a More or Less Sort—one Nature.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 2.—An incendiary fire in the work-house (the city lock-up) today very nearly cremated six prisoners. A drunken negress lit the blaze.

EATON, O., Jan. 2.—A fire late this afternoon started in I. H. Musselman & Co.'s grain elevator, which was destroyed, along with an adjacent dwelling, the property of the firm. Loss, $20,000; insurance, $9,000, in cigar companies.

FOREST CITY, Ark., Jan. 2.—Fire this morning burned Blount's hotel and restaurant, Hicks' wagon and blacksmith shop, and several adjoining small buildings. Loss estimated at $8,000, 50 per cent insured.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Jan. 2.—The stores of Vasna & Shaster and Charles Killer were burned. Loss, $12,000; insurance, $6,000.

CRANFORD, N. J., Jan. 2.—The residence of George B. Vanderpool, Tax Commissioner of New York City, burned today. Loss, $30,000; insured.

LAS VEGAS, N. M., Jan. 2.—At an early hour this morning the residence of M. Friedman, a wealthy wool-buyer, was destroyed by fire. The family narrowly escaped with their lives. Loss, $12,000.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 2.—The Union Steam-Mill building burned. Loss $30,000, distributed among a number of occupants; insurance trifling.

SUICIDE.

A young man of 27 years, whose name from papers found in his possession appears to be William Price, committed suicide at 11 o'clock last night by shooting himself in the forehead with a 32-calibre revolver, on the sidewalk in front of No. 204 State street. He had been in Bill Murray's saloon, at No. 202, only a few minutes before, where he purchased a bottle of whisky, and volunteered the statement that he was from Iowa, but had had trouble there which obliged him to quit the State. The shot was fired a moment or two after he left the saloon, and those who rushed out found him lying on the sidewalk with the smoking revolver at his feet. Hyman Marshall, of No. 425 State street, was standing very close to Price when the shot was fired, but was unable to prevent the suicidal act. Dr. Singley, who was speedily summoned, found life already extinct. Price was about 5 feet 7 inches tall, smooth face, and dark-brown hair. From papers in his possession it is judged that he belonged in Oskaloosa, Ia., and was on his way to Massillon, O. The body was taken to the morgue.

A FATAL BLOW.

An Ax Wielded with Deadly Effect as the Result of a Quarrel.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 2.—A special to the *Pioneer-Press* says: "The following particulars have been received here of a probable murder at Rat Portage. Thomas Drewes, choreman at Section A Hotel, had a misunderstanding with Patrick Maloney last night, which resulted at that time in Drewes striking Maloney with a stick of firewood. This morning Maloney offered to fight Drewes, when Drewes left the house by the back door, carrying a stove-lifter, and Maloney left by the front door. When outside, Drewes dropped the lifter, picked up an ax, and waited with the ax and lifter for Maloney. When Maloney turned the corner of the house Drewes rushed at him, crushing the ax into Maloney's head. Maloney was carried into the house, and Drewes rushed toward the jail and surrendered himself to Constable Donkit. Maloney was found to have received a wound three inches in length and two in depth, exposing the brain. He has been partially insensible during the day, and toward night suffered severe pain. Dr. Hanson, who attends him, says he will die as soon as inflammation sets in. I saw the prisoner at 4 o'clock, and he appears unconcerned. He is a Prussian 43 years old, five feet nine inches high, and of light complexion. He came west last fall. Previous to that he had lived two years in Peterboro, Ont. Maloney is 21 years old, and comes from Ottawa. Drewes professes not to know the taste of liquor and Maloney is a temperance man. Public feeling is strongly against Drewes. Two inches of the ax-blade is covered with blood and brains.

HOY'S HOST.

Fifty-one Grandchildren and Not a Great-Grandchild.

New-Year's night at No. 289 Ogden avenue there gathered some of the children and many of the grandchildren of William and Catherine Hoy. The patriarch of the assemblage was William himself. He is 78 years of age and is yet as strong and active as many a day laborer of 40. His wife is aged 72 and she is in possession of perfect sight, hearing, and the reason. During the evening one of the children claimed that there was no couple in the country with fifty-one living grandchildren and no great-grandchildren, and it was agreed that the Chicago papers should be appealed to for publicity, with the idea of finding a parallel instance, if one exists.

Last evening a TRIBUNE reporter called on Grandfather Hoy, who lives with his son-in-law, Richard Bird, on Ogden avenue.

"Sure, it's a foine trick; the gossoons are after wantin' to put me in the papers, and me an honest man."

"But is it true that you have fifty-one grandchildren?"

"Begorra, I'll leave it to Katy," indicating his wife.

"William, I'll not spake the word at all. Till the gintleman yourself."

Then the old man began a calculation. It seems that the couple have two children living in Ireland and five are residents of this city. Two children—Mrs. Connelly and Christy Hoy—died in the old country. Christy was childless, and Mrs. Connelly was married only a few years before her death. The family of the rapidly-multiplying family is as follows:

In Ireland.		*In America.*	
Mrs. Connelly	2	Patrick Hoy	2
Mrs. Clark	3	Peter Hoy	3
Owen Hoy	13	Michael Hoy	8
Christy Hoy	0	Mrs. Vest	10
		Mrs. Bird	2

"Patrick is the baby," said the old man apologetically, as he glanced at the figure 2 opposite Patrick's name. "He's only 27, and there are plenty of other counties to hear from."

"How long have you been married?"

"Fifty-two years, and me oldest boy is 50. That's Owen, and he has thirteen, and the others may do better nor that when they hove Owen's years stop o' them."

"You must have been a man of good habits, Mr. Hoy?"

"It's never a he'porth I paid the doctor. Medicine is it? Sure a tumbler o' aale is good enough, an better nor that is a good glass o' whisky."

"How do you like the whisky you get in this country?"

"Away wid it, say I. It's many the odd tumble I had wid it, bethinks me, it's enough to poison the driver of a jaunting-car."

"How does it happen, Mr. Hoy, that you have no great-grandchildren?"

The old man laughed heartily. "Sure, that's the joke of the gossoons. I have no great-grandchildren bakase none o' me grandchildren are married. D'ye see?"

"How old is your oldest grandchild?"

"Twenty-three; and he's the son of Owen and one o' the thirteen; and there's luck in odd numbers, and, begorra, he's not goin' to disgrace the family."

PRINTING IRREGULARITIES

How the County Funds Are Squandered

The Printing Committee, in view of the recent exposures of its liberality toward the contractor for the county printing for the last year, is in rather a bad boat. The members were to have met yesterday, but did not, and it appears that the program is to defer doing anything, just as a year ago, until such time as the many bills for printing needed for the ensuing twelve months has been supplied. There is much indignation on the subject among the other Commissioners and the more the thing is stirred the worse it looks. In fact, if figures don't lie, it would seem that all that has been said upon the subject is abundantly justified, and that business has been transacted at a cost of thousands of dollars to the county, for all which the committee in question is directly responsible.

In addition to the facts and figures already given on the subject it appears that very few requisitions have been made in accordance with the contract, and that in each and every case the name of the article ordered has been changed, or the price charged has been exorbitant. An illustration of the way things have been done is found in the following showing, which has been taken from the bills: The printing of county orders in two colors was contracted for at $7.50 per thousand, the orders to be bound in books, etc., but March 27 2,100 orders were printed for which $27.30 was charged; Sept. 16 2,000 more were printed for which $47.50 was charged; and Oct. 31 3,000 were printed for $22.50, the contract price. This is a small matter, of course, but it illustrates the general idea. Then again, referring to the printing of tax-receipts, it is found that the contract price was $1.07 per thousand, but somehow the figures got mixed, and $1.70 was charged. But this is not all, for, taking up the printing of letter-heads, which were contracted for at the ridiculously low rate of $3.50 per thousand, it is found that March 10 4,000 were printed and billed at $7.50, and that the committee ordered the bill paid. Irregularities of this kind could be pointed out by the column, but these are sufficient, perhaps, to establish the evil of the schedule system which has been in vogue, and either the ignorance or duplicity of those who have had the ordering of requisitions and the auditing of the bills. The whole subject will come before the board today, and the action taken will be looked to with more than ordinary interest.

THE SAND-BAGGERS.

A Daring Assault on North Clark Street—Hard Cases Arrested.

The sand-bagger was abroad in the land last evening, and one of the most prominent North Side corners was the scene of his gambols. About a quarter past 9 o'clock a Mr. Stewart, who keeps a toy store on North Clark street, between Ohio and Ontario, was crossing Clark street from west to east at Ohio. At the southeast corner he was set upon by two men, one of whom struck him over the head with a sand-bag and felled him to the sidewalk. The two then attempted to drag him to a stairway just east of Clark street, and on the way succeeded in relieving him of $41 in cash. He came to before they got him to the stairway and threw one of his assailants down the steps. His whistle and cries succeeded in awaking one of Mayor Harrison's policemen, who arrested the fallen tough and took him to the Chicago Avenue Station. Mr. Stewart was only slightly injured by the rap on his head.

The man so arrested, James Davis will have a hearing before Justice Hawkinson on three charges of attempted robbery, his bail being fixed now at $1,500. Davis has been identified by a Mrs. Patterson, by R. S. Oakley, and by R. C. Cross as the young man who had tried to "hold them up." His effort was a failure in each instance. Davis' mother is a very respectable woman, and insists that there must have been some mistake in the identification.

Officers Ross, Swanson, Rooney, and Kenyon yesterday cleaned out the abiding-place of some tough characters on State street. At No. 384 they arrested Micky Blake, alias Frank Ryan, a notorious cracksman, and James Ellsworth. In their room were found a dark-lantern, a huge butcher-knife, a set of burglars' tools, and some powder and fuses. John Watson, alias Murphy, J. L. Goodrich, alias John Kane, Jesse Farey, and John Quigley, who belong to the Micky Blake gang, were arrested at No. 407 State street. All of the prisoners were locked up at the armory. The officers hope to trace some recent burglaries to their account. Blake and Watson were found in possession of a silver watch and a pair of plain gold bracelets, evidently stolen.

Christmas Eve Mr. James Kerrigan, of No. 3124 Dearborn street, was assaulted by two thugs at the corner of Thirty-seventh and Butterfield streets, and robbed of $11 in cash and some valuable papers. Billy Keeio, a notorious crook, who was arrested a day or two later on suspicion, confessed that he had taken a hand in the robbery, and named Daniel Ahern as his accomplice. The latter was arrested night before last, and yesterday Justice Prindiville held them to the Criminal Court in $400 each for robbery.

A MOURNING MINISTER.

He Has Bought Some Goods Which He Is Unable to Lay His Hands On.

Yesterday a TRIBUNE reporter was tapped upon the shoulder by a gentleman who requested him to accompany him to the Windsor Hotel, as there was a "case." Seated in a chair remote from the other guests was the Rev. Mr. Hardman, of the Church of the Disciples of Greenwood, Ia. The reporter was introduced to the gentleman, and subsequently the newspaper man, an attorney, and the Rev. Mr. Hardman went to the latter's room, where the alleged mode in which one W. H. Harper and Griffin got hold of the land and money of Mr. Hardman.

The reverend gentleman has lived in Iowa for a number of years. Previous to entering upon the ministry he was engaged in business at Glenwood and made $3,000, which he put in real estate. Receiving a call from the Church of the Disciples, he gave up his business at Glenwood and with his wife and family went to Greenwood, where he proposed to pass the remainder of his days. There he met a friend of Mr. Harper's named Mr. Albert Etridge. It appears, however, that Mr. Etridge's acquaintance with Harper was not of long standing.

During the latter part of November Mr. Etridge received a letter from Harper which stated that Harper was the agent of a Cincinnati firm who had $8,000 worth of goods in the "Safe" warehouse in Chicago which his firm would like to exchange for property in Iowa or Nebraska. Mr. Etridge was desirous of exchanging his real estate for goods, and in trying to assist Harper, who was a friend of his, hunted up a person who would most likely want to enter into such a transaction. He thought of the Rev. Mr. Hardman and apprised him of the facts in the case, at the same time recommending Harper to be an honorable man.

HARDMAN WROTE TO HARPER

requesting him to send a description of his wares. Harper did so, the goods being boots, shoes, cutlery, and a vast amount of other articles, the total value being $8,000. In the letter Harper stated his firm would give a discount of 25 per cent, as the goods belonged to an Indiana merchant who failed, and his firm wanting to square themselves seized upon the outfit. There was $750 for storage on the goods, which would have to be settled for by the person taking them.

During the afternoon of Dec. 16 Hardman received a telegram from Harper, which stated that the exchange could be made if Hardman would come to Chicago at once. But little time was wasted in getting ready, and after placing $1,000 in his gripsack Hardman came to Chicago. He arrived here Dec. 21, and took up his abode while in the city at the Windsor Hotel. He had Harper's address, and the second day after his arrival here went to his office in the Metropolitan Block. Harper called on Christmas Eve and in his company an individual who gave the name of Griffin. Mr. Griffin was introduced as the man who

HAD CHARGE OF THE WAREHOUSE

where the goods were. They were stated to be of the most valuable character, and subsequently all three went to the warehouse, but the goods could not be shown. "In order to take the goods," said Harper, "it will be necessary for you to pay Mr. Griffin the $1,050 for storage. My firm are highly pleased with the bargain, and I have no hesitancy in saying that you are also."

To this the minister nodded assent. Another discourse followed over the Glenwood property by Griffin and Hardman, and Harper emerged from an inner room bearing in his hands writing material, by which

THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT

was drawn up:

CHICAGO, Dec. 23, 1882.—Received from W. H. Hardman a deed to four lots and a house in Block 18 at Glenwood, Ia., valued at $3,000, and $1,000 in cash, to be delivered to James Martin on receipt of his warranty deed in a certain contract, bill of sale to said W. H. Hardman being now in the hands of the undersigned, to be delivered when the undersigned is satisfied with the said property at Glenwood, Iowa.

"W. H. HARPER."

Subsequent to the drawing up of this contract the trio visited the Windsor Hotel, and Hardman hauled over the deed and $1,000 in gold and gave them to Harper. The contract was then turned over to Hardman, who perused it thoughtfully after parting with his wealth. Harper and Griffin then quit the hotel, telling Hardman that they would call in the morning and turn over to him the goods. Morning came, but no Harper appeared. A note, however, reached Hardman from Harper which stated that he was ill, and that he would see him at the hotel the next morning at 11 o'clock. At the time stated Harper again failed to materialize, but a telegram was received from Harper at Glenwood, which said: "Martin will not let you have the goods until Lexamine in person. If the property is not worth $5,000 Martin will hold us for damages."

The receipt of this telegram completely unnerved Mr. Hardman, who is in great perplexity as to what he shall do, as he cannot find the goods he purchased.

UNION STREET.

Meeting of Property-Owners Opposed to Its Opening.

Another meeting of citizens opposed to the opening of Union street was held at the corner of Bunker and Desplaines last evening.

Patrick Macky was called to the chair and opened the meeting by calling for Ald. Lawler and Purcell, whom he said he desired to ask a few questions. They stepped forward, and he asked them how they had voted on the adoption of the objectionable ordinance.

Ald. Purcell was the first to reply, and said he did not remember how he had voted.

Ald. Lawler said he had voted against it, and had also worked against it.

The Chair then produced a copy of the Council proceedings of March 28, 1881, and reading from it showed that Ald. Purcell had voted for it and that Ald. Lawler had voted against it, as he had claimed.

The committees appointed at a former meeting to procure signatures asking the repeal of the ordinance next reported, showing that the opening of the street was not desired by a large proportion of the property-owners, especially those who had received notice that they had been assessed for the proposed improvement. The petitions will be laid before the Council this evening.

The Chair then addressed the gathering, saying that he had consulted an attorney, and the only hope the people had was in their Aldermen. He was considerably excited, and in the course of his talk gave the Aldermen notice that unless they secured the repeal of the ordinance "the devil would come out of it and every man, woman, and child in the ward would vote against them" whenever they came up for office.

Ald. Lawler next spoke. He was in favor of the repeal of the ordinance, and thought it was in a fair way of being repealed. The assessment for the improvement was outrageous, and beside what the property-owners would pay the city would have to pay about $100,000. He explained about the stay of proceedings which had been granted, and promised that a repealing ordinance would be introduced in the Council this evening.

Ald. Purcell followed, reviewing the history of the ordinance, and pledging himself to do all he could to repeal it. He had voted for the ordinance originally, he said, thinking that the improvement should be made, and that the expense would be nominal.

The Treasurer reported a small balance on hand, and after taking up a collection to defray expenses the meeting adjourned, the understanding being that a large delegation of those in attendance would be at the Council meeting this evening.

Mr. James R. Young, of Owatonna, Minn., writes: "My wife was afflicted with a very severe sore throat, as were also three of my children. We used St. Jacobs Oil and a complete cure was the result."

WATERY GRAVES.

Eighteen North Carolina Convicts Drowned by the Sinking of a Flatboat.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2.—Lieut.-Gov. James L. Robinson brought to Gov. Jarvis today details of the sinking of a flatboat on the Tuckazeegee River, in Jackson County, in the western part of the State, by which eighteen convicts were drowned Saturday last. The convicts are a portion of a few hundred which the State leased to the Western North Carolina Railroad—a road which is operated by the Richmond & Danville Railroad. The particular gang to which they belonged had its quarters near Cowee Tunnel, which passes through Cowee Mountain, on the line of the new road being constructed between Ashville, N. C., and Ducktown, Ga., and was at work on this tunnel, which is 800 yards in length. The convict stockade in which they are quartered is across the Tuckazeegee River from the tunnel, and the laborers are ferried over the stream, there narrow, but very deep, by means of a large flat-bottomed boat capable of holding fifty persons. Sunday morning, as thirty convicts, in charge of two guards, were crossing the river in a ferryboat, some of them noticed water and ice in the bottom of the boat and cried out that

IT WAS SINKING.

There was an instant rush to the other end of the boat, which careened and sank, with all on board. All were thrown in the ice-cold stream, which there ran still and deep, while above and below were rapids. Twelve of the thirty convicts and one of the guards managed to swim ashore, though all were benumbed by the cold. Eighteen of them were drowned by clasping each other and by being swept down to the lower rapids. They were found by twos and threes, tightly clasped together. The other guard was taken from the water unconscious, and for hours his life was despaired of. The scene was a terrible one, and was witnessed by a great number of persons.

THE CRIES OF THE DROWNING MEN

never will be forgotten. The gang on that part of the road is in charge of Mr. J. M. McMurray. Mr. E. R. Stamps, who is in control of all convicts in the State, was this afternoon sent to the scene of the accident by Gov. Jarvis to make a complete examination into the occurrence. No blame is thought to rest on any one, as the boat was safe, and had been used to transport much larger parties of convict for some time past. Last autumn there was an accident in Cowee Tunnel, caused by the soft and treacherous earth caving in, and a large body of convicts were overwhelmed, but all were rescued alive. The disaster has proved a great blow to the Governor and State authorities who have charge of the prisoners, though they are hired to the railroad.

A LAND GRANT.

Also the Story of Some Congressmen Who Became Wall-Street Lambs.

New York Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—Judge Payson, of Illinois, who is a member of the House Judiciary Committee, has remained in Washington during the holidays for the purpose of conducting an investigation of his own at the Interior Department. Several weeks ago Judge Payson received a number of letters from residents of Oregon complaining about the action of the Secretary of the Interior in withholding from preemption 1,500,000 acres granted some years ago to the Oregon Central Railroad Company. It was said that this grant had lapsed long ago, and that this vast tract of land should be thrown open to public entry. Judge Payson looked up the original grant by Congress made in 1871, and found that the company was required to build its road within five years in order to secure the land. There was never any pretense made upon the part of the Oregon Central of constructing its road from Portland to Walla Walla, as described in the act. Only forty miles of road have been built by this company, and this runs from Portland down to a point on the Oregon and California Railroad. The Oregon Central Company's line was to have run in a northwesterly direction.

Judge Payson called at the Interior Department after he had learned that the Oregon Central Company was no longer in existence, to ask why a grant to a defunct company should stand in the way of the interests of bona fide settlers seeking to obtain the land at the regular Government rate. The Secretary of the Interior said it was no part of his business to declare a railroad grant lapsed. That was for Congress alone to decide. He was obliged to hold the lands until Congress declared the grant forfeited. Judge Payson then said that he should ask the Judiciary Committee to report a resolution declaring this grant lapsed. Here he was confronted with a new complication. The area of the old grant of the Oregon Central is nearly covered by two other grants. The Oregon Central was an outgrowth of the Northwestern transportation interests which have been consolidated by the Villard combination. The Oregon & California Railroad, also a land-grant road, runs right over the lower half of the domain of the Oregon Central. Then the Northern Pacific has run an imaginary line across the upper end of the tract, and has filed a map of the same at the Interior Department, claiming that it intends to run a branch road in the direction indicated by the line on the map. This, it is asserted, carries with it the same grant of land given to the main line of the Northern Pacific. The two claims leave only about one-fifth of the tract of 150,000 acres free from dispute.

Judge Payson will ask the committee next Friday to report a resolution declaring all the lands in the State of Oregon given to the Central Company open to public entry. Judge Payson intends also to push vigorously his resolution declaring the forfeiture of the land grant of the Northern Pacific.

A pool was formed last winter on the floor of the House for the purpose of speculating in Northern Pacific securities. When the Judiciary Committee agreed to a report in favor of not forfeiting the grant a pledge of secrecy was imposed by Chairman Reed. The pool members early learned what was to be reported, and combined to buy Northern Pacific for a handsome rise, but the Wall street boys were too sharp. They also had private points. They ran Northern Pacific right up, so that the Congressional lambs had to reach pretty high for the stock. Then when the favorable report came, the hammers were set at work, and the stock driven down until the Congressmen were frozen out of their margins. The memory of this sad experience has embittered many a member, so that more votes will be found this winter for Judge Payson's resolution of forfeiture than at the last session.

AMERICA'S EMPIRE.

The Greatness of the British Northwest Territory—An Opening for Mr. Blaine's Ambitious Policy.

E. V. Smalley writes as follows from New York to the Philadelphia *Times*: I met yesterday Mr. Taylor, the American Consul at Winnipeg. He has been there since 1870. When he arrived in Winnipeg the population was 300; now it is 25,000. The Canada Pacific Railroad is running 600 miles west of the place. English and Scotch capital is abundant for the development of the new Canadian Northwest. Speculation is rampant, but it has the solid basis of a fertile country reaching clear to the Rocky Mountains. Like our Dakota and Montana country, this vast region is all good for something. The land which will not grow wheat will pasture cattle. Mr. Taylor says he has seen fine samples of wheat, oats, and barley grown on the Peace River, 1,300 miles northwest of Winnipeg, and 2,200 miles from Chicago. He thinks the Saskatchewan country will prove better than the Yellowstone country, because of more rainfall in summer, but I believe this advantage, if it really exists, will be more than counterbalanced by the colder winters, which will cause heavy loss of stock or heavy expense for housing and feeding the cattle, which must be the chief resource of the region. However, it is evident that there is going to be a large population in Manitoba and the newer territories beyond just being organized by the Canadian Parliament. They will be separated from the United States only by an imaginary line running across the plains. Do we want to guard a thousand miles of this line with customhouses to enforce our protective tariff? These new communities belong to us by their geographical position. They are separated from Canada by 500 miles of rock, forest, and morass. Their natural road to the sea is by the great lakes and the Erie Canal. Their natural trading points are St. Paul and Chicago. The mouth of the Red River of the North should be in the United States, as well as the mouth of the Mississippi. Let Mr. Blaine go up to Dakota next summer and ride across the international boundary-line a dozen times, without knowing where it is, and he will be convinced that the direction of his patriotic and wise American policy should be towards the great, fertile Northwest, and not towards South America or the isles of the sea.

ALCOHOL.

Objections to Admitting It Free of Duty—The Extent to Which It Is Used in Manufactures.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—A proposition to allow the use of alcohol in the arts and manufactures without payment of tax was considered by the Ways and Means Committee at the last session of Congress, and also a bill taking off the tax from all alcohol used in the manufacture of tobacco. It was shown that the manufacturers of a great many articles used alcohol in the work. The case of one tobacco manufacturer was cited, who used 19,000 gallons a year. The law now allows alcohol to be withdrawn from warehouse free of tax for use in colleges and other institutions of learning, and in the last fiscal year only 14,000 gallons were so withdrawn. Commissioner Raum suggested that the proposed change in the law would not only require a large additional force of employés, but also open the door to legislation which would exempt almost everybody from the payment of the tax. Thousands of tobacco-dealers, varnish-makers, chemists, and other manufacturers would be entitled to the benefits of the law. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue was requested to report under what regulations manufacturing chemists and others were supplied with alcohol free of tax in Great Britain, where the alcohol so used is first mixed with wood alcohol, and then called methylated spirits, the supposition being that the wood alcohol, which is extremely disagreeable in taste and odor, cannot be afterward eliminated. This mixing prevents fraud, for the methylated spirits can be used only in manufactures. The Secretary of the Treasury has sent to the Senate documents showing how methylated spirits are prepared and sold duty free in Great Britain. The British regulations are best adapted to thickly-settled countries. The adoption of the system here would involve the creation of two new classes of special taxpayers—namely: methylated spirit-makers and retail dealers in methylated spirits; and new officers would be needed to superintend the mixing of alcohol with wood alcohol or wood naphtha. No report has yet been received from the Academy of Sciences as to the results of experiments being made to determine whether alcohol mixed with wood naphtha can be restored to its original purity. If it can be so restored, great frauds might be committed under the proposed law.

The extent to which alcohol is used in the arts and manufactures is very great. In the last fiscal year 4,369,978 gallons were actually so used in this country, and it is estimated that if there had been no tax on alcohol so used the amount would have been more than 7,000,000 gallons. More than 1,000,000 gallons were used in Massachusetts alone. It is so used by tobacco manufacturers, druggists, chemists, photographers, perfumers, paintmakers, plumbers, varnishmakers, patent-medicine makers, and others. The sale of methylated spirits, duty free, would not, however, meet the demand which comes from tobacco manufacturers, for the wood alcohol, or wood naphtha, would ruin the tobacco by its odor and taste.

OUR FOREIGN COMMERCE.

A Report Containing Many Instructive Facts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—The annual report of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics upon our foreign commerce, recently made public, is a peculiarly interesting paper. In the last fiscal year our exports of merchandise fell off $151,000,000, while our imports increased nearly $82,000,000. The excess of exports over imports for the last fiscal year was a little less than $26,000,000, or almost exactly one-tenth of the excess of exports for the previous year. The total value of imports and exports of merchandise and specie fell off $107,000,000. The decrease of more than $150,000,000 in the value of the exports of domestic merchandise was due, says the report, almost entirely to the falling off in the exports of cottons and of breadstuffs and provisions, a result attributable to the drouth and other unfavorable meteorological influences which prevailed during the crop season of 1881. In that year the corn crop fell off 30 per cent, the wheat crop 28 per cent, and the cotton crop 15 per cent, as compared with the crops of the preceding year. It is shown that the decrease in the value of the exports of cotton and of breadstuffs and provisions was $166,000,000, or more than the total decrease in the value of the exports of domestic merchandise. There was, however, a considerable increase in the exports of petroleum, of manufactured articles, and of certain other commodities. The value of exports of raw and manufactured cotton was more than $213,000,000, or 29 per cent of the whole, while the value of the exports of bread, breadstuffs, and provisions was $303,000,000, or 41 per cent of the whole.

An attempt is made to answer many inquiries as to the growth of the exportation of products of agriculture, of manufacture, of mining, of the forest, and of the fisheries, although the Chief of the bureau explains the nature of the obstacles which render it difficult to do this. Mr. Nimmo makes a statement that the value of the exports of products of agriculture was 75 per cent, the value of manufacture 14 per cent, and of mining, including mineral oils, about 7½ per cent. A table is given showing the percentage of the exports of products of agriculture since 1880, the highest percentage having been 83¼ in 1880 and the lowest about 72½ in 1877. An interesting table shows the reduction of average freight charges per bushel for wheat from Chicago to New York since 1868, the rates by lake and canal having fallen in that time from 25.3 cents to 8.6 cents; by lake and rail from 29 cents to 10.4 cents; and by all rail, throughout the year, from 42.6 cents to 14.4 cents.

Our imports were greater in value for the last year than ever before, and the value exceeded the value for the preceding year by $81,000,000, the increase being due chiefly to higher values of some of the leading commodities. The imports of sugar and molasses lead the list, amounting to more than $100,000,000, or almost one-seventh of the whole. Nearly 4 per cent of our foreign commerce was with England, Scotland, and Ireland, the exports amounting to nearly 54¾ per cent and the imports to 37 per cent. If the colonial possessions of Great Britain be included the percentage of exports is 60¾, and that of imports 43. Of the merchandise exported from the United States 45.9 per cent went out of the port of New York City, and of the imports 68 per cent came in at that port. Of our total foreign commerce nearly 87 per cent was carried on at that port. Of the duties on imports nearly 69 per cent was collected at New York. The duties collected at all ports were 42¾ per cent of the value of the dutiable goods. In 1879 the duties were nearly 45 per cent of the value. Tables are given which will be useful in the work of tariff revision, showing the value of mer

THE CITY.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Walker, a distiller in London, England, was on 'Change yesterday.

Isaac H. Bromley, Government Director of the Union Pacific Railroad, New York, is at the Palmer.

George M. Curtis, Clinton; J. M. Johnson, Cincinnati; J. W. Gates, St. Louis; and H. F. Cogswell, Hartford, are at the Tremont.

Justice Prindiville yesterday held Ernest Sengpiel to the Criminal Court in $200 bail for selling liquor to an habitual drundard.

H. W. Dwyer, New York; E. A. Jones, Minneapolis; N. E. Read, Huron, D. T.; J. E. Abbott, Boston; and F. R. Cone, Winona, are at the Sherman.

The annual meeting and election of the Press Club takes place tomorrow at 4 p. m. It is confidently expected that there will be a large attendance of members.

President Jones, of the West Division Street Railway, denies the truth of a statement appearing in a morning paper to the effect that the company has discontinued the sale of tickets.

Mr. Edward P. Hall, for the last sixteen years associated with the clothing house of Charles F. Kellogg & Co., is now with Henry W. King & Co., where he would like to see his old friends and customers.

James Quirk, an old rag-picker, was found dead early yesterday morning in a yard at No. 4 Whitney street. He is thought to have died from too much whisky and exposure. The body was taken to the morgue.

Judge J. C. Birdseye, Lowell, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Quinlan, New York; Edwin J. Farber, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hudson, Durango, Col.; Henry Belknap, New York; and John Dixon, Cincinnati, are at the Palmer.

H. F. Kruse, 55 years old, whose home is at No. 20 Kemper place, had his left arm torn completely off at the elbow yesterday morning by accidentally getting it caught in some machinery at the Fulton Elevator. He was taken to the County Hospital.

The temperature yesterday, as observed by Manasse, optician, 88 Madison street (TRIBUNE Building), was at 6 a. m., 7 degrees; 9 a. m., 10; 10 a. m., 11; 11 a. m., 14; 12 m., 16; 1 p. m., 17; 3 p. m., 19; 6 p. m., 19; 8 p. m., 16. Barometer, 8 a. m., 29.70; 3 p. m., 29.62.

A 12-year-old incorrigible named Walter Smith obtained a small amount of money from his mother's neighbors under false pretenses, and she yesterday had Justice Walsh send him to St. Mary's Industrial School. Walter's home is at No. 153 Hubbard street.

George Leander, 17 years old, of No. 146 Indiana street, whose arrest was caused by his mother, pleaded guilty before Justice Kaufmann yesterday to the larceny of a gold watch from one of his mother's boarders, and was held to the Criminal Court in $600 bail.

It is learned from counsel for the defense in the case of Harms vs. Cook County, in which a heavy verdict for plaintiff was recently produced at Waukegan, that a new trial has been denied, and that the next move may be to bring the case before the Appellate Court.

It is reported that David S. Hammond, an old resident of the Town of Hanover, in this county, for many years a prominent Republican politician, and once Sheriff, is lying dangerously ill at his home at Hammond Station of a chronic sickness of the kidneys from which it is feared he will not recover.

John McCue, who runs an alleged intelligence office on Kinzie street, near the bridge, and who has frequently been arrested on a charge of swindling, was yesterday held to the Criminal Court by Justice Kaufmann in $300 bail for obtaining money from laboringmen on a false promise to procure them jobs.

In attempting to board a moving railway train at the corner of Jackson and Rockwell streets yesterday morning P. D. Parks, of No. 1071 West Jackson street, was thrown violently to the ground, had his left ear torn off, and received some ugly bruises about the head. He was removed to the County Hospital.

Early New-Year's morning some drunken revoter fired a pistol shot, which took effect in the window of Mr. W. S. Black's sleeping apartment, at No. 616 West Indiana street, and then dropped on the bed-clothes. Mr. Black said if the bullet had traveled about ten feet lower he might not now be able to tell about it.

Henry Eyer, a farm laborer, was walking down Clark street yesterday morning when "Camel-Backed Ann" Kennedy," a colored woman, invited him to call. He called, she in the afternoon he asked Justice Wallace to issue a warrant for the dusky siren's arrest for the larceny of $35. The warrant was issued.

Nick Baus, the Italian who was stabbed in the back Monday afternoon in a "dago-shop" fight at No. 561 Clark street, was not so badly wounded apparently at first supposed, the ball of his alleged assailants, Frank Ragio and John Scalco, being fixed by Justice Wallace yesterday at only $300 each. The case comes up today.

The *Photo*, hitherto an illustrated weekly publication, turned over a new leaf on New-Year's Day, and will hereafter be issued in a slightly smaller but greatly improved shape as the *Daily Photo*. It will be published every afternoon, excepting Sundays, at 4 o'clock, and illustrated with the first daily issue are of local subjects and very creditable.

United-States-Attorney Leake received a letter from Commissioner Raum yesterday stating that the assessment suits against Dickinson, Leach & Co., distillers, had been compromised by the payment of $4,000 and costs, and directing him to dismiss the proceedings, which have been pending since 1875. The amount claimed was about $25,000.

The annual election of Trustees of the Merchants' Loan & Trust Association held yesterday morning resulted in the reflection of the old board, consisting of Messrs. A. H. Burley, George M. Pullman, B. Blackman, E. K. Rogers, J. W. Doane, Byron L. Smith, Marshall Field, John Farwell, Palmer V. Kellogg, T. T. Watkins, and F. L. Yeo.

At its annual meeting the Cambrian Benevolent Society elected the following officers: President, John Jones; First Vice-President, William H. Thomas; Second Vice-President, Evan Roberts; Secretary, Moses O. Williams; Treasurer, Richard D. Williams; Board of Managers, John Davis, Edward P. Roberts, Edward P. Evans, Robert W. Thomas, William G. Rowland.

Elijah Shephard, father of Joseph Shephard, Esq., Superintendent of the United States Express Company, died a few days ago at Fond du Lac, Wis., aged 94 years. Mr. Shephard was born in Connecticut March 28, 1789, and removed to New York State in 1829, and for the last thirty years had resided in Wisconsin. He never was sick a day in all his long life until a short time before his death. He was man of much intelligence and sterling integrity.

Gen. A. A. McDowell, Arizona; Charles Howard, Richmond, Va.; Charles Fleischman, Cincinnati; H. B. Merrill, Morristown, N. J.; J. C. Williams, Cleveland; Charles Miller, Franklin, Pa.; F. A. Hirgs, Victoria, Tex.; J. M. Woolworth, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown, New York; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sage, Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Weatherably, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Farrington, Denver; and Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Nowwitter, New York, are at the Grand Pacific.

When Dr. George Kellogg appeared at Justice Demars' court yesterday to stand a further examination in the abortion case he found a Bailiff from the Criminal Court waiting for him with a capias, the grand jury having found three indictments against the gray-haired M. D. and the corpulent Mrs. Vannorman. The doctor was taken to jail, where Mrs. Vannorman had already been lodged, and the cases against them in the lower courts were dismissed.

It was told in THE TRIBUNE more than a week ago how a Milwaukee-avenue saloonkeeper named Sullivan had been arrested for alleged larceny of a trunk full of clothing from a young woman named Annie McClellan, and how a portion of the clothing was recovered from the wife of Charles A. Surine, the alleged accomplice, who was engaged by Sullivan to defend the case. Surine and his wife were yesterday arrested and locked up at the Desplaines Street station charged with receiving stolen property.

The lecture of William Hailey at Central Hall last evening on "Labor's Uprising; Monopoly's Overthrow," was listened to by a small audience. He claimed that notwithstanding our boasted freedom the toiling classes were in bondage to wealth and monopoly, and that an uprising was not only imminent but necessary to exalt labor which was "the source of harmony, the foundation of life, the handmaid of religion, and the salvation of the earth." Organization, education, and agitation were the means by which it would triumph. The questions to be answered were these: "Is the laborer happy? Is he comfortably housed? Has he time for rest and mental improvement? Is he in receipt of ample reward for his services?" The condition of the American laborer had been gradually improving, while that of his American brother was deteriorating. The time had come for organized action. Human nature was not culpable for adopting extreme measures to obtain its rights. Government would have anything it wanted if it only had the capacity to seize it. He wanted "people's" instead of banks' money, and the railroads to be managed by committees, the revenue to be used in paying the expenses of government. He closed by urging the Knights of Labor to chant anew La Marseillaise.

William Manheim was arrested yesterday on one of Justice Woodman's warrants, charged with malicious mischief. William rented a house at No. 141 West Lake street, and had some trouble with the landlord. When the latter drove him out two or three days ago William, it is alleged, broke the kitchen hydrant, and allowed a full flow of water over the premises, considerable damage being done in consequence. The accused says he did not break the hydrant, as he will prove next Monday, to which day he gave bail.

Cornelius McClinchy, late a member of the Pinkerton force—discharged for drunkenness—was before Justice Wallace yesterday on three separate charges of larceny. Dan Foley, who caused his arrest Sunday morning, charged him with the larceny of $100 in cash. After his arrest there was discovered evidence to show that McClinchy had entered the room occupied by James McGuire and Owen Coughlin and stolen $60 from the former and a watch from the latter. Justice Wallace held the accused to the Criminal Court in $1,500 bail.

The Board of Directresses of the Protestant Orphan Asylum held their annual meeting yesterday afternoon for the election of officers for the coming year. The election resulted in the choice of Mrs. Norman T. Gassette for President; Mrs. Godfrey Mcdonald, Vice-President; Mrs. H. S. Fitch, Recording Secretary; and Mrs. Sarah M. Horton, Corresponding Secretary. The Christmas Committee reported the special donations for Christmas festivities as amounting to $330. The thirty-third anniversary of the asylum will be celebrated on the 23d of this month.

The committee appointed by the Exposition Directors to confer with the Council in regard to the erection of an art museum met yesterday afternoon in the private office of the Hon. C. B. Farwell, corner of Monroe and Market streets. The meeting was a private one, and Mr. Farwell informed the reporter after adjournment that the committee had decided to present a communication of some kind to the Council today, but did not desire to make the substance of it public before it went to the Aldermen. The members of the committee would have nothing to say about what had been done.

An eccentric-appearing old man has been for several days stalking about the Union Depot with a Swedish Bible in one hand and a pair of spectacles in the other, stopping at frequent intervals in his regular pace to don the spectacles and peruse the Sacred Word. Monday night the police rap him in, and yesterday morning he faced Justice Walsh. Not a word could be extracted from the old fellow, although seven different languages were tried on him by the clerk and officers, and his bearing seemed unimpaired. He was finally booked as Ole Olesون, and the Justice sent him to the bridewell to stay $50 worth, "to keep him from freezing," in the language of his Honor.

The alleged swindling case against W. L. Walker and J. S. Jones, the men who claim to represent a Honduras company which offers tempting salaries to credulous Chicagoans, came up before Justice Wallace yesterday morning. Tupper Finch, the exceedingly verdant young man from Detroit, who first caused Walker's arrest, failed to appear and ultimately this case was dismissed. It is understood that Finch got his money—$40—all back. In the other four cases against Jones the defendants took a change of vague to Justice Prindiville. Here the cases were continued to Jan. 11 by consent, Walker being held in $800 and Jones in $200 bail.

P. M. Webb, a farmer hailing from Centre Point, Ia., dropped dead in the baggage-room of the St. Paul Road at the Union Depot last night, heart-disease being the supposed cause of his death. He had been standing in the waiting-room a few minutes previous to his death, and suddenly complained of feeling unwell. He made his way to the baggage-room, and had just reached the door when he sank to the floor a corpse. Upon his person were certificates of deposit for something like $5,000, which with his other valuables and his clothing were taken to the Desplaines Street station. The body was removed to the morgue. Mr. Webb had been in the city several days on business, and was stopping at the Windsor Hotel. His family were notified of his death by telegraph.

Nearly all the Wabash avenue grip-cars were put on yesterday between Twenty-second and Madison street, and the others will be ready in a few days. It is intended, when things are systematized, to have the Indiana avenue cars run by cable from Eighteenth north, but, at present, they are still run by horses, and consequently delay to a certain extent the cable cars between which they are sandwiched. The Wabash avenue grips are not using as yet the cable on the loop, but are drawn around by the horses. This will last for a day or two. There is some delay in changing the grips from one track to another at Twenty-second street, but that is inevitable. The Cottage Grove avenue portion of the cable line will not be put in operation for some days yet.

The Western Association of Engineers yesterday elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, D. C. Cregier; First Vice-President, S. S. Gurley; Second Vice-President, Isham Randolph; Secretary, S. P. Moorehouse; Treasurer, Charles Fitz-Simons; Librarian, G. A. M. Liscenzantz; Trustees, Gen. W. S. Smith, A. W. Wright, John A. Cole, A. Comstock, D. Williams, Manager of the society, and a committee of the association to act in conjunction since its organization. The Treasurer reported disbursements, $822; cash on hand, $426. A resolution of sympathy was tendered Mr. E. A. Chenoweth, who is seriously ill in Spain, where he is traveling for the benefit of the profession.

Joseph Schroeder, the saloonkeeper who was arrested with Joseph Stuba about two months ago for assaulting a man named John Tobias, who is still confined to his room in consequence of the wounds received then, has been indicted by the grand jury, and yesterday when the case was called before Justice Kaufmann it was dismissed as to Schroeder. Stuba, who has not been indicted, thought he would be discharged, but the court was told that Stuba had gone before the grand jury and thrown all of the guilt on Schroeder without giving the latter a chance to be heard, and accordingly Stuba was held in $5,000 bail for one week pending a further hearing.

At the twenty-second annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Chicago Nursery and Half Orphan Asylum yesterday the President, Mrs. W. C. Goudy, occupied the chair. Among the managers present were Mrs. Samuel Howe, Mrs. Max Hjortsberg, and Mrs. R. T. Crane. The Secretary, Mrs. F. H. Beckwith, presented an interesting report, and the report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Edwin Blackman, was very encouraging, showing the total receipts to be $11,630 for the year, of which $5,832 was from donations, $2,400 from interest, $300 from interest on the Mamie Clark memorial fund. The total disbursements were $10,063, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $1,567. The Matron, Mrs. Blanchard, reported 141 children in the asylum and not a case of sickness.

An ignorant German named John Haulf presented himself at the armory yesterday and, exhibiting Dave Bertram's note for $100, payable in three months, asked Justice Wallace if it was good. The Justice informed the anxious visitor that Bertram was the crookedest horse-shark that ever infested the Western country, and that his note was probably worth the paper on which it was written. It appears that Haulf had been persuaded to buy from Bertram an equine wreck for $125. He discovered the animal to be almost worthless and took it back to Bertram, who kept it to use on some other sucker, and gave Haulf $25 and a note for $100. Justice Wallace could afford Mr. Haulf no relief, but the latter was advised by an outsider to hunt Mr. Bertram with a gun and demand money or blood.

It was expected that a number of legislators would have left last night for Springfield on the 9 o'clock Alton train, and a TRIBUNE reporter dropped in at the depot to look through the sleeping-car and see what statesmen were on board. The auburn mustache of Miles Kehoe loomed up prominently, flanked by the curly head of Gen. John C. Smith. The only legislator on board the train was Mark Clinton, of the Ninth District. Just before the train pulled out of the depot, the smiling face of Joseph Chesterfield Mackin loomed up behind a grapevine, and following him was the portly form of Matthew Kilday. Before the train left, several lesser lights gathered, and Representative Clinton was surrounded by the lobbyists. Mackin and Kilday go down to look after the interests of their friend Tom McNally, and express themselves as satisfied that they will get the best of Judge Bradwell.

Miss Kate R. Allerton gave a fancy dress masquerade party last night at the residence of S. W. Allerton on Prairie avenue. It was given in honor of the Misses Hattie and Bessie Rutter, of New York, daughters of James Rutter, First Vice-President of the New York Central Railroad. Dancing was kept up to a late hour. The guests were received by Mrs. Allerton, assisted by Miss Morton. Among those present un-masque were: The Messrs. Horatio Stone, L. J. C. Sprunce, Percy Fuller, Cyrus Bentley, Arthur Meeker, Robert Hamilton, Edward Dodge, Edson Keith, Charles Kelly, James Walker, Ira Allen Jr., R. R. Lamb, John Newall, Eugene Morton, Frank Howard, Fred Aldrich, Robert H. Van Schaick, Charles McAvoy, Frederick Smith, WilSmith, Matt Hoverson, Ben Campbell, Matt Rutter, Walter Gregory, Samuel Eldrich, Frank Johnson, Arthur Bevan, Louis A. Beckwith, Harry Collins, James Marshall, Howard Gallup, William Derby, Ber. Fuller, Leonard Hodges, Messrs. Badger, A. B. Lathi, Messrs. Harvey, Charles Doll, and the Misses Stella May Otis, Belle Mason, Minnie Severns, the Misses Anderson, Kate Henning of New York, Carrie Wright, Grace Hodges, Dora Seeberger, Fannie Durfee, Alice Bosch, Emily Lyon, Susie Overitt, Mamie Kimbark, May Bevan, Nellie Lester, Birdie Dole, Hattie Maynard of Utica, N. Y., Minnie Sprunance, Hattie Rutter, Bessie Rutter, Emily Kimbark, Florence Spalding, Maude Henderson, the Misses Doane, Fannie Derby, Mamie Bevans, Louise Van Inwagen, Jessie Williams of Cleveland, Jennie Adsit, Bessie Armstrong, Carrie Dwight, Carrie Howard, Florence Henderson, Adele Wheeler, Lillie Doane, Louise Meeker, S. Easton of Philadelphia. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Severens, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lester, Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan of New York, Mrs. R. P. Hutchinson, Mrs. Lancaster, Mrs. Judah, Mrs. Morton, Mr. W. A. Keefer of San Francisco, Cal., Mr. Duncan, Miss Morton, and Miss Hourth.

In the accidental death of Officer William Schmidt last night the Police Department loses an old and valued officer. Officer Schmidt, who for about two years has been at the Larrabee Street Station, started for his home at No. 94 Sigel street between 8 and 9 o'clock, boarding the front platform of Car No. 113 of the Sedgwick street line. The driver, Whitney Judds, and the officer were the only occupants of the platform, and as they passed Schiller street the driver felt the car rise and jump, and, looking around, saw the officer was gone. He stopped as quickly as possible, and, with the conductor, Nicholas Knerr, found the officer lying partially under the car, his head bruised and horribly cut, and his clothing torn and covered with dirt. The Larrabee street patrol-wagon was quickly summoned, and Officer Schmidt was taken to the station, where Dr. Claudel was called, and arrived just as the officer breathed his last. It was found that his skull had been fractured and that several of his ribs had been broken. The body was removed to his late home, where he leaves a wife and seven children in moderate circumstances. Officer Schmidt was 59 years of age, served in the Mexican war, and was a member of the Mexican Veteran Club. He had been with the force about twenty-five years. For a number of years before the fire he was at the north end of Clark street bridge, afterward was sent to the West Chicago Avenue Station, was poundkeeper on the West Side for some time, and was in the East Chicago avenue and Larrabee street districts afterward. He was a member of both the City and State Benevolent Associations.

THE WOUNDED OFFICERS.

The condition of Signal-Sergeant Thomas Kearns, who was shot at the corner of Green and Randolph streets last Sunday night, remained about the same yesterday. Tony Dominick, the saloonkeeper, who, it is thought, fired the shot, and his partner, Charley Tulem, who is held as an accessory, were before Justice Walsh yesterday morning for a hearing. They pleaded not guilty, and then the case was continued to Jan. 12 in $2,000 bail each. John Sheridan, the fireman who was with Kearns when the latter was shot, and who was arrested by Sophie Wiland with firing the shot, was released yesterday, the Wiland woman's story not being credited. She is Tulem's "girl" and Tony's friend, and would not hesitate to lie for them. She is held as a witness.

Officer Cornelius O'Shea, who was shot by Charlie Noble in front of Tom Soden's Halsted street restaurant New-Year's morning, was reported to be improving rapidly yesterday. He is still at the County Hospital. Noble and Soden, who were arraigned before Justice Walsh yesterday charged with assaulting O'Shea with intent to commit murder, had their cases continued to Jan. 12 in $5,000 bail. William Bradock and Mike McPhillips, the two who were arrested with Soden and Noble, being in the same gang, were assessed $3 and costs each by Justice Demars for disorderly conduct. McPhillips paid the fine but Murdock went to the bridewell.

MRS. LANGTRY AT HER MEALS.

Mrs. Lily Langtry woke up yesterday morning quite refreshed after a good night's rest, and took advantage of the bracing atmosphere during the day to take a walk through the business part of the city, where she did not attract nearly as much attention as it was thought she would. She breakfasted on a good solid tenderloin steak, as good as the Pacific could get up, a parsley omelet, lyonnaise potatoes, a dish of mushrooms, some buttered toast, a cup of coffee, and a dish of buckwheat cakes and maple syrup. She is very fond of American beef, and she says that none that she has eaten compares with that served her in Chicago. After breakfast she took a little walk, and at 10 o'clock had a light lunch, consisting of a plate of consommé, some cold fowl, and bread and butter, preserves, cake, and tea. Her dinner at 5 o'clock was more solid, and embraced oysters, roast turkey, side-dishes, and vegetables and dessert. Her appetite is good. During the afternoon she took a short drive through the city, but she prefers walking, as it keeps her from getting stiff. She felt as though the Chicago press had handled her a little harshly, but upon the whole was satisfied. It is said that the reason Henry E. Abbey did not arrive in Chicago on Monday was because he preferred to be with Nilsson, who is much more sociable.

Fred Gebhardt is expected to arrive during the latter part of this week. He has cut up enough for rooms, but it is believed that he will turn up in a day or two.

THE IROQUOIS CLUB.

The first annual meeting of the Iroquois Club was held last evening at the rooms in Haverly's Theatre, President Erskine M. Phelps in the chair. The reports of the various officers, which showed the club to be in a prosperous condition, were presented and accepted, after which the following officers were reflected by acclamation: President, Erskine M. Phelps; Vice-Presidents, Carter H. Harrison, S. G. Swisler, G. M. Rogers, J. H. S. Quick, T. M. Hoyne, E. Foreman, E. J. Stokes, S. Corning Judd, and Malcomb Caruthers; Recording Secretary, H. E. Brentano; Corresponding Secretary, Frank T. Hoyne; Treasurer, J. H. McAvoy. The latter gentleman, on behalf of the members of the club, then presented President Phelps with a diploma signed by all of the members of the club, done by John Phillips. The picture represents Mr. Pheips in an easy standing posture in the centre of his library, and is an excellent likeness. A noticeable feature of the painting is the reproduction of a portrait of Prince Napoleon and the young King of Rome, by Baron Steuben, which was purchased by Mr. P. F. Dodge at Friend Blendloff's sale at Florence and presented to Mr. Phelps, and which occupies a permanent place on the walls of Mr. Pheips' library. The portrait is hung in the east room of the main floor of the club.

Mayor Harrison, from the committee appointed to prepare a memorial to Congress urging the acceptance by the Government of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, reported a document which will be submitted by the representatives of the city to Congress at an early day. The club decided to have a banquet on the anniversary of the birth of their patron saint, Thomas Jefferson.

The Political Committee in their report gave expression to the following: "In casting a retrospective glance over the first year of the club's existence, you committee feel justified in saying its political course has been wise, and that the field of action the club should aim to occupy seems to be clearly marked out. It has never avoided contests between members of the party for local offices, and has sought only to advance the general interests of the party. And it is believed by your committee that the stability and prosperity of the club will depend largely upon a strict adherence to this course. The moment the club embarks upon the treacherous sea of local politics the days of the club will be numbered. The commencement of its dissolution will have been fixed. In the higher field of general politics it has before it the promise of a bright and useful future. It has in one year reached the position of the leading political organization in the West. Its opinions and its acts carry with them no little weight and its influence will greatly increase if its course continues to be as wise as it has been in the past.

THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

has paid all its mortgage debt, and today doesn't owe $1, even for current expenses. When the new pastor, the Rev. S. J. McPherson, took charge about a month ago there was a debt of $37,500, and some one suggested that an effort be made to raise the sum so that he would not have one to think about. A finance committee of leading members was appointed, and these gentlemen in two weeks raised the amount. The contributions ranged from $10,000 down, all called on giving cheerfully according to their ability. The money was raised very quietly, and when the announcement was made from the pulpit Sunday morning that the church was free not a few present were surprised. A much larger sum could have been raised had it been necessary, as several who accidentally learned what was being done came forward with liberal offers, but were told that no more was required, the $37,500 having been raised.

THE CITY-HALL.

A case of chicken-pox was reported at No. 2807 Lake avenue.

There is diphtheria at the Clifton House, No. 325 Hurlbut, and No. 648 South May.

The Sanitary Inspectors served seventy-four notices and abated ninety-eight nuisances last week; the contractor removed 198 dead animals from the streets; and the market men condemned 2,123 pounds of bad meat.

There is small-pox at No. 118 West Fifteenth street and at No. 111 Bissell street. A man named H. R. Havill, aged 40, an Englishman, who came on the Rock Island Road from Winnipeg, was found to have the disease, and was sent to the pest-house.

Shortly after the fire the American Express Company were permitted to occupy some city property on the Lake-Front at the foot of Randolph street. Mayor Harrison was down there not long ago, and he found that a freight-house had been erected without authority. So he ordered a survey to be made in order to be sure he was right, a map of the ground has been prepared, and it appears that not only the American Express Company, but the Illinois Central, is a squatter. The matter has been put into the hands of Corporation Counsel Ryan, and he will endeavor to ferret out the land or know the reason why.

Mayor Harrison is indifferent on the subject of the opening of South Union street, or rather refused to say yesterday whether he was in favor of abandoning the improvement now or of staying the pending proceedings until the property-owners think they are able to pay the assessments.

Scarlet-fever was reported yesterday at the following places: No. 2 Hammond street (two cases), No. 719 West Monroe, No. 328 Chicago avenue, No. 230 West Harrison, No. 471 West Indiana, No. 3016 Arnold, No. 19 Twenty-sixth, No. 551 Fulton, No. 3535 Dearborn, No. 2949 Butterfield, No. 138 Walnut, No. 133 Erie, No. 265 Thirty-first, No. 22 Margaret, No. 188 South Peoria.

There were 314 deaths in the city last week, an increase of fourteen over the preceding one, but a decrease of thirty-eight from the corresponding week in 1881. Of the deceased, seventy-five were under 5 years of age; forty-one under 1 year. Accidents carried off 12; bronchitis, 7; convulsions, 13; diphtheria, 11; scarlet-fever, 9; typhoid fever, 10; heart disease, 8; consumption, 19; pneumonia, 34; small-pox, 4; old age, 4; The annual death-rate per 1,000 was 19.85.

Prof. Paton, the chemist of the Health Department, who has been the Smoke Inspector since the passage of the smoke ordinance, will hereafter devote his attention to the examination of food with a view of discovering adulterations. Commissioner De Wolf says he intends to find out what is given the people of Chicago to eat. Samples of different articles are to be purchased from the retail grocers all over the city, and if the analysis shows that there is sand in the sugar or lard in the butter, etc., the sellers of the adulterated truck are to be not only advertised in the papers for the information of their customers, but also prosecuted under the State law. As nearly everything sold by the grocers is alleged to be more or less "doctored," Prof. Paton has a big job on his hands, but Commissioner De Wolf is determined to check the sale of adulterated food in Chicago if it is possible to do so.

THE COUNTY-BUILDING.

Petitions were filed in the County Court yesterday for the arrest and trial of Kate Maloney and Sarah P. Mooney on the charge of insanity.

The Collectors of Schaumberg, Palos, and Bremen got their books yesterday, and will at once enter upon the collection of the taxes in the several towns.

G. A. Dupey, who has been connected with the County-Attorney's office for some time, tendered his resignation a few days ago, which was yesterday accepted. He proposes to enter upon the practice of law at once. His successor is a Mr. Reynolds.

The Illinsdale-Doyle suit against the county on account of "extras" in connection with the granit work on the new Court-House will come up before Judge Blodgett today. It is a reminiscence of old times, and the fight upon both sides will be vigorous.

The new Committee on City Relief persists in holding its meetings at the County-Agent's office, which is away from the public. The members held a meeting yesterday, audited bills, and transacted a variety of business. A little more publicity to their doings would not injure the taxpayers.

The County Board meets today, and among other matters to come before it, it is understood, is the question of whether or not the Harms case shall be appealed. The air is filled with rumors in connection with it, and if it should come up it will be interesting. The judgment is for $73,000, and an offer was made to settle it for about half the amount a few years ago.

The Committee on Jail and Jail Accounts yesterday agreed to invite proposals for cleaning the alley adjacent to the jail and for keeping it clean. If the Health Department of the city did its duty this would be unnecessary, for the city is paid to do the work. The only other business was the consideration of a few bills, all of which were laid over for one reason or another. Among the bills was one of $72 for two cane-seated chairs for the use of the Judges of the Criminal Court, which charge is regarded as a little steep.

JAIL STATISTICS.

Mr. Ben Price, the clerk in the County Jail, has prepared a statement of the affairs of the jail for the year ended Jan. 1 for the information of the Sheriff, which contains the following interesting facts:

The number of prisoners on hand Jan. 1, 1882, was 236; received during the year, 2,717; in jail Jan. 1, 1883, 257. The charges against these were distributed as follows: Murder, 6; adultery, 16; assault, 226; abduction, 9; abortion, 3; bastardy, 25; bigamy, 6; cruelty to children, 1; conspiracy, 9; contempt of court, 11; carrying concealed weapons, 1; disorderly conduct, 16; debt, 44; embezzlement, 21; fraud, 56; forgery, 52; insane, 519; larceny, 1,096; burglary, 523; manslaughter, 3; murder, 33; malicious mischief, 18; receiving stolen property, 33; rape, 12; robbery, 247; rape (attempt), 22; vagrancy, 4; United States offenses, 89; miscellaneous, 88. Of these 2,195 were committed by Justice courts, 211 by Criminal Courts, 119 by the Police Court, 12 by Coroners, 19 by Physician, 38 by the Coroner, 49 by the Sheriff, 82 by the United States Court, and 15 on requisitions from the Governor. The grand jury discharged 478, the Criminal Court discharged 706, 411 were let off by Justices of the Peace, 313 went to the penitentiary, 190 received sentences in the House of Correction, 151 got jail sentences, 4 went to the Reform School, the Sheriff let 44 off, 2 went to the House of the Good Shepherd, 4 were pardoned, 1 was hung, 345 were removed to insane asylums, the County Court released 170, 11 went to the Southern Penitentiary, and the United States Court discharged 70.

FITZ JOHN PORTER

CONDEMNED BY THE UNION VETERAN LEAGUE.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed at a meeting of the Union Veteran League held last night:

WHEREAS, The members of the Union Veteran League of Chicago, an organization of honorably discharged soldiers of the late War, having read with interest the debates in the Senate of the United States on the bill to reinstate Gen. Porter to his former rank in the army, and having every personal knowledge of the conduct for which he was dismissed the service, are of the opinion that the finding of the court-martial in the trial of said cause was correct; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Union Veteran League of Chicago, That it is the sense of the members of this organization that the position taken by Senator John A. Logan in opposition to the passage of the bill to restore Gen. Porter to his former rank in the army is right, and that a contrary position is unjust to the brave and loyal men who fought and won the battles of the Union.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and is hereby instructed to forward a duly authenticated copy hereof to Senator Logan.

THE BUCKET-SHOPS.

FOUR OF THEM IN FULL BLAST.

The six bucket-shops in gamblers' alley were visited yesterday, and four of them were found to be in full blast. The three largest concerns which are under one management, and are known as the Combination, continue to receive their market quotations from the Board of Trade, pending the decision of the injunction against the telegraph companies which was granted last week.

Rester's exchange was closed. The proprietor said he had paid another month's rent, but had suspended business, being deprived of the quotations. He was settling up, but did not intend to give up yet.

Murphy's shop was supplied with quotations, presumably from the big concern across the alley, but appeared to be as deserted as a last year's bird's nest.

Nobo's grain and stock exchange was running, and a little business seemed to be doing.

"How are you getting your quotations, Nobo?" asked a caller.

"Oh, I stand in cahoots with Dunham."

"But haven't the telegraph folks taken out the instruments?"

"Yes, one has gone. No matter how we get the quotations, so long as they are sent outside. We expect to run right along."

It was also understood that the telegraph companies had also stopped sending the market quotations to bucket-shops outside the city, and the reports came to that their concerns were doing nothing. President Dunham received a dispatch from Jay Cooke, understood to be

A NEPHEW OF THE ORIGINAL JAY COOKE,

requesting the reason why his quotations had been cut off. Mr. Dunham telegraphed back: "The telegraph has requested the telegraph companies to cease giving quotations to bucket-shops." The reply to this was: "Before making such statements I advise you to be sure of your ground. I request you to extract your appointment [on] my house, or you will hear from me more fully."

The Open Board of Trade is supplied with the big board's quotations in the usual way, with the understanding that it will not supply the bucket-shops.

A proposition has been posted in the Open Board providing for a reduction of the membership fee from $500 to $200 for thirty days. An amendment asks for an increase in

THE COMMISSION RATE

charged non-members to one-quarter of 1 per cent. This is the same as that charged by the Board of Trade. It is supposed that this proposition had its origin on the big Board of Trade. They desire uniform rates for both boards, and think that the Open Board by lowering its membership fee for a month would secure a great number of new members. It also is said that unless the brokers agree to pay all of their expenses they would have no place to trade at for a commission unless they were members of one or the other boards. This prospect rules more with little favor on the Open Board, and, it was said yesterday, it was that there was talk among those members who were instrumental in having it posted of tearing it down. The Open Board people say they are very well satisfied now with the rise of their membership, and see no good reason for cutting the price of admission down to $200 when the tickets are selling in transfers for $300.

CENT PER CENT.

WHAT IT COSTS TO BORROW A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS.

The yearning after wealth is confined to no class or condition of mankind. In some cases, however, the longing is of abnormal development. Instances are noted where it has become a disease, and yesterday a TRIBUNE reporter came in contact with three in which the symptoms were so pronounced as to call for comment. The reporter was in trouble and needed money to meet pressing obligations. He had seen an advertisement of a concern on Dearborn street which offered to loan him "any amount" on furniture, pianos, and other securities "at low rates." He accordingly made application.

"Come in, sir, we loan money. How much do you want?"

"One hundred dollars."

"For what time?"

"Three months."

"What security?"

"Furniture."

"What is the furniture worth?"

"About $1,000."

"It will cost you 5 per cent a month."

"That would be $15 for three months?"

"Yes, and you would have to pay for the acknowledging and recording."

"What is the extra cost for acknowledgment and record?"

"We charge 50 cents for acknowledging and $1 for recording. One hundred dollars for three months will cost you $16.50."

At another office on the same street the scribe wanted $250 for three months, and was informed that the total charge for the accommodation would be $35. The philanthopist added:

"We charge $5 for examining the furniture, making out the papers, and recording the chattel mortgage."

On Madison street the reporter consulted a man who advertised to make "confidential loans." He was told that the use of $150 for three months would cost him $22.50.

"Isn't that pretty steep?"

"Oh, no; some brokers will charge you 6 and 7 per cent a month and take out the first month's interest when they advance the money."

"What rate do you charge?"

"Five per cent a month."

"How do you make it out?"

"I charge $7 for making out the papers."

The reporter concluded that 78 per cent a year was a peg beyond his ability and he withdrew, congratulating the confidential loaner upon the evolution of a system by which he was yearly receiving $118 for the use of $150.

HIZZONNER'S PET POET.

Once I worked the raz-bag,
Shunned by all I met;
Grubbing in the gutter all the day,
Now I swing the sand-bag,
And you better bet
I make my latest occupation pay.

Once I feared the coppers;
Used to cut and run
When a fly detective showed his head.
Now I strip the shoppers,
Pull my little gun,
Skipping while they bear away the dead.

Once 'twas soup and sago,
Ten-cent beds and bugs,
Scurrilous rounders and renegades who rob.
Now its drink and sago,
Sluggers, thieves, and thugs,
"Workingmen out looking for a job."

Some folks love to grumble
At our Carter's ways,
Vowing we are going to the bad;
But your very humble
Servant hereby says
He's the best Chicago ever had.

SUBURBAN.

LAKE VIEW.

The people of Lake View were considerably exercised yesterday morning over the prospect of a water famine, owing to the ice in the lake choking up the inlet-pipe to the water-works. The first indication of a scant supply of water was noticed about 6 o'clock in the morning, as the work of preparing breakfast for the early-risers was under way. By 7 o'clock the pressure from the water-works was only strong enough to force the water as high as the basement faucets, and shortly after gave out entirely. Many people at first supposed that the water-pipes had frozen at some exposed point in the village, and the poor servant girls were scolded for neglecting to turn off the water during the night. Women were running from house to house to borrow a little water from their neighbors only to find that there was none to be had anywhere, except by going to the lake or to the city. By this time matters began to look a little serious, when word came over the telephone wires that the Water-Works that the ice would probably be removed from the inlet pipe in a few hours. By 11 o'clock the obstruction was removed and the usual supply of water was turned into the town, and everybody was happy, especially the women folks. The supply was cut off for about four hours, and even during this short time caused much inconvenience.

A very serious accident happened yesterday morning to Edward Mitchell, residing on the corner of Diversy and Paus streets. He was feeding his horse in a blacksmith shop to have it shod. While crossing the street near the Lincoln avenue car barns the horse slipped either while stepping on the rails or some ice, falling to the ground with Mr. Mitchell partially underneath, breaking his leg in two places, besides inflicting other serious injuries. He was taken to the drug store close by and a physician called. Shortly after Mr. Mitchell was removed to his home, and is doing as well as can be expected. It is thought that no internal injuries were received.

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YELLOWSTONE PARK.

How the Game Within Its Borders May Be Protected.

A Letter from Gov. Crosby, of Montana, to Senator Vest on the Subject.

The following letter concerning the best means of preserving game in the Yellowstone Park has been addressed to Senator Vest, of Missouri, by Gov. Crosby, of Montana:

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 29, 1882.—*The Hon. George G. Vest, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*—MY DEAR SENATOR: In compliance with your expressed wish, I have given the subject of game-protection in the Yellowstone National Park, I have the honor to address this note to you, and should be glad to have a subject so important to Montana and to the National interest in the Yellowstone Park laid with this letter before the Committee on Territories of which you are a member, and also, should you think proper, before Congress.

From careful examination of Congressional legislation creating the National Park (see Secs. 2,474-2,475 United States Revised Statutes) and of the Territorial laws of Montana, the reports of my predecessor and the expressed wish of influential citizens of this Territory, I judge that the preservation of the large game of the Northwest in the park and in the Territory of Montana would accord with the sentiments of the public. Congress has enacted that the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior shall provide against the wanton destruction of the game within the park itself, and against their capture for the purpose of merchandise or profit. The laws of Montana go a like end, for the game within her borders, are explicit.

The Territorial law of Montana for 1879 protected the bison or buffalo for ten years from that date in the Counties of Madison, Jefferson, Deer Lodge, Lewis and Clarke, somewhat contiguous to the Yellowstone Park; and the game protection of this legislation seems to be indicated by the statement of Lieut.-Gen. Sheridan in his report for 1881 that "this year I noticed that buffalo were on the edge of the park." The Territorial laws of Montana also wisely provide that game of the large granivorous game shall be killed during breeding season, and absolutely prohibit the hunting of elk, antelope, and mountain sheep with dogs at any time in any part of the Territory. The killing of any of the animals above named for their skins, and not for food, is prohibited under heavy penalties, and still further to protect them bounties are given for the scalps of the panther and the bear.

Under these positive conditions of National and Territorial protection of game by statute the splendid and interesting game animal of North America—the bison, the elk, the black and white-tailed deer, the Rocky Mountain sheep, and the antelope—ought to increase and fill the thousands of square miles of the Yellowstone Park with objects of instruction to the naturalist and curious delight to the tourist from every land. Even the overflow of game from a well preserved park of such extent would

SUPPLY LARGE QUANTITIES OF FOOD

to the settler and true sportsman in its proper season.

So far as legislation is concerned, National and Territorial possessions, though capable of some desirable improvement, would seem to be fairly directed and reasonably efficient for their assumptive object—the protection of the large North American game in Montana and the National Park. But the report of Gen. Sheridan presents evidence of a lamentable deficiency in the means and power of enforcement. Gen. Sheridan states in his report, dated Nov. 1, last, page 8, that "The game in the park is being killed off rapidly, especially in the winter. I have been credibly informed that since its recovery as many as 4,000 elks were killed by the hunters in one winter, and that even last winter, in and around the edges of the park, there were as many as 2,000 of these grand animals killed, to say nothing of the mountain sheep, antelope, deer, and other game slaughtered in great numbers." The entire paragraph on page 8 of his report of 1882 is respectfully commended to your kind attention as embodying most admirable practical suggestions for protecting the rights of the people of Montana and of the whole United States against the greed and wanton cruelty of a few marauders and in preserving and increasing the value of the most splendid game park in the world, which cannot fail to redound to the fame and profit of this magnificent Territory. I believe that the suggested increase of the force of the Yellowstone Park, the absolute protection of the game within its borders from all molestation by hunters, and enforcement by the people of Montana of their own wise and excellent game laws in the rest of the Territory, are steps auxiliary to each other and quite within the scope of legislative power.

For the settler now despoiled of his amusement and of his food by wanton waste, for the Indian made more a savage when hungry, for the naturalist, the tourist, and the true sportsman, for the reputation of this unequaled park and Territory, the National power over the Territories is invoked

TO PREVENT A WASTE OF LIFE

that must end in the extermination of the large game. At the moment that the invaluable Baird Commission is laboriously renovating our streams and rivers depleted of fish and striving to increase the food supply of food, at the moment that societies to prevent cruelty to animals are assuming National importance, the failure to protect the wild herds of the Northwest against wholesale slaughter for their pelts alone, or for the brutal and unsportsmanlike joy of killing, would seem a crime as well as a blunder. Our opportunities have no equal in the world. We would take the liberty to urge upon Congress the passage of a law extending the limits of the National Park eastward, as proposed by Gen. Sheridan, inasmuch as I am informed by officers and others who have been over the country of the Shoshone ranges of mountains between 44 and 45 degrees north latitude, adjoining and east of the Yellowstone Park, that the altitude and general roughness of the region are such that it can never be utilized by settlers, while it is the natural habitat of the game to be preserved.

I need not suggest that the policy of making provision for the great National interests in the Territories has been adopted in the past, that Congressional legislation for the Territorial Park would seem natural and proper. So-called "sportsmen" from other lands annually destroy vast quantities of game, and go back to their respective homes publicly proclaiming the large number of head they have killed, and then return again with increased forces to repeat their wanton slaughter. These and skin hunters would be found the most virulent objectors to National and local laws that should assay to protect the large game for the bona fide settler of Montana and adjacent Territories. In the name of her early, industrious, and enterprising people and of true sportsmen everywhere I ask the enactment of a law for the game that flies to the park for safety.

Again, I earnestly solicit your attention and consideration of Gen. Sheridan's proposition touching the increase of the force and the methods of enforcing the game laws within its limits. As the park has been very properly placed under the control of the honorable Secretary of the Interior and a certain amount appropriated for salaries, I would suggest that an engineer officer of the army be detailed to report to the Secretary of the Interior for special duty as general Superintendent of the park, with powers and means granted to lay out roads and make other improvements necessary, and with authority to call upon the military stationed in the neighborhood for such details of troops as may be needed for emergencies. After laws are passed the Superintendent of the park should be in condition to enforce them, which now is impossible. To allow the game of the park to be hunted out of it, and then to suffer its extermination in the Territory, is of course fatal to both park and Territory. But by protecting the park and enlarging it

AN ARK OF SAFETY

will be provided for the great game of North America until the flood of folly subsides, and Montana and the other Territories will reproduce to find in the overflow from the park a constant supply of game for their inhabitants and true sportsmen. The protection of the buffalo would be in great measure the principal from that of other game, requiring less extensive range. Within territorial limits the killing of game by settlers for food is natural, and, in my opinion, the killing of buffalo in large quantities for food and hides is not objectionable. For, from my own experience in constant campaigning for several years on the plains from Texas to the Northern Territories, the buffalo has been replaced between the Red River and North Platte by hundreds of thousands of cattle—far more useful animals. But nothing supplies the place of the elk, the deer, and Rocky Mountain sheep and goat, that thrive over the rough and mountainous territory that forms a large part of the National Park. Yet from neglect on the part of the General Government, and State and Territorial Governments also, to properly protect the game for the last fifteen years, it is impossible to find a hundred antelope, elk, or deer, where there were formerly vast numbers. The importance of general local protection of Territory and of occasional protection by a proper and responsible officer in the park, with sufficient means and power to absolutely interdict shooting there, is vital. To prevent my park to be harried and the game scattered into and Territory and left improtected by non-enforcement of the laws will exterminate the whole game of Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming. This would be a calamity entailing a real loss upon the people. Even little municipalities and all great cities add a few deer parks and pleasure grounds. The southern slope of Mount Blanc jealously preserves its game. Duke Athol and the estates of Buccleuch have a world-wide reputation for their herds of deer and wild cattle. Every Dukedom and Principality preserves for a few aristocratic possessors. But this country where the people are kings, which has neglected the addition to a people's estate which for its extent and the magnitude and variety of its game in no land can we show an equal park of 5,000 square miles, with a world-wide reputation for game and countless herds of elk, deer, antelope, buffalo, and Rocky Mountain sheep, would dwarf the preserves of any monarch in the world. The people, through Congress, have decreed this park and that its game shall be free from spoliation. [See Rev. St., 2,475, 2,476.]

The citizens of Montana have already shown their purpose in the rigorous laws interdicting the hunting of large game with dogs, prohibiting the killing of it for pelt and not for food; have absolutely protected buffalo in several counties for ten years, and the other large game during breeding time throughout the Territory. The machinery for conviction is effective. Possession of buffalo green hides is prima facie evidence of guilt. Informers are entitled to a quarter of the fine collected, and the Government can change its venue. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Imprisonment instead of fine would seem more effectual to protect the people against marauders.

I would venture to recommend that transportation companies be prohibited from carrying game unlawfully killed, as they are now prohibited from carrying fish taken by illicit means.

But the main defense against game-extermination will be undoubtedly found in enlarging and absolutely protecting the great park of the Yellowstone, which must be our future nursery of game. As a citizen of Montana, and intrusted with the honor of its administration, my pride and my interest is wrapped up in her future reputation and prosperity. I should deeply lament any step that would put one of her great treasures, the National Park, into the hands of speculative individuals and out of the power of the Government to manage for the best interest of the whole people. I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. SCHUYLER CROSBY,
Governor of Montana.

IRISH LAND VALUATION.

How the Land Courts Are Perverting the Law and Oppressing the Tenants.

Dublin Nation, Dec. 16.

The Land Commissioners have written, not indeed a book, but a letter; yet it is quite enough to exhibit what manner of men they are to all whom it may concern. True, the document was originally intended only to meet the private eye of Mr. George Otto Trevelyan, and was never meant for the garish light of publicity; but that perhaps is a reason why the Commissioners convey their sentiments and opinions with all the more charming candor. Mr. Trevelyan, however, in an unguarded moment confided a portion of the contents to the public through the medium of parliamentary reports, and in consequence found himself compelled to take the public into his confidence with regard to the whole document.

The Commissioners, it would appear, were worried by awkward questions asked in the London House of Commons concerning decisions of the Land Courts which seemed to invite criticism, and to put an end to the trouble they mount the high horse, boldly that they and the Sub-Commissioners are "independent judicial tribunals," and "earnestly recommend" that such should be the only answer to all inconvenient queries. But a little lower down in this notable production of the Commissioners we get from them a notion of the quality of their independence. They go on to explain why they decided on the appointment of court valuers to the sub-commissions, and what is the gist of their explanation? Why, that they wanted to please the landlords. "It was a standing topic of complaint," they say, "among the body of landlords" that valuers had not been appointed to the sub-commissions; and in many cases landlords brought appeals from the decisions of the inferior courts "when they might have acquiesced in the decision below if *a scientific valuation* had formed one of the materials upon which the judgment was given." Here is an open confession! "A scientific valuation"! Who in Ireland will require the phrase to be interpreted? The humblest peasant in the land understands its full force and significance. No one, perhaps, would be the least surprised to find such a term in a document subscribed by Lord Monck and Mr. John E. Vernon; but it is rather startling to find it approved of by the author of "Dear Land" and "Paddies Evermore."

But there is further matter for comment in this precious epistle. The Commissioners not only avow that the proposal to adopt the system of values emanated from them, but they also avow that they themselves selected the valuers—"subjects of course to his Excellency's approbation." They "saw the several candidates, made inquiries into their experience and qualifications," and then named the men who seemed to them the fittest. The fittest for what purpose? Evidently to make "a scientific valuation." No wonder that some of the valuers so appointed estimated rents at figures that astounded the whole country.

In the trusting frankness of their private revelation the Commissioners go on to admit that "it may certainly be true that they had relations as valuers with the landlord class"; and in explanation of this they say: "But it is almost impossible to find any valuer of experience in Ireland who has not had such relations." But the "valuers of experience in Ireland," it is notorious, were, as a class, simply men called in to raise rents when a landlord wished to increase his income. The evidence given by many of themselves in the Sub-Commission Courts would of itself sufficiently demonstrate the fact even if there were not a superabundance of corroborative testimony. The Commissioners having displayed so much childlike innocense in regard to this point, we are quite prepared for the exquisite simplicity which characterizes the assertion that they "have no reason whatever to believe" the valuers who had had relations with the landlord class "will be in any way biased in favor of the landlord rather than the tenant." They express confidence that the valuers "will honestly give their opinion as to the rent according to their experience." Just so. But what is the nature of their experience? Everything depends on the answer to that question; and it is remarkable enough that the Commissioners did not, so far as we can discover, select as valuers any of the many competent men who had relations with the tenant class. As for the Commissioners' statement that they never asked a question about their valuers' religious beliefs, it is a matter of very little consequence. If we remember aright, Mr. Trevelyan saved them the trouble.

On the whole, the Commissioners' letter is not calculated to inspire the tenantry of Ireland with a sublime confidence in the "independent tribunal" which has charge of the working of the Land act. The tenacity with which they clung to the scheme of court valuers, the energy with which they affirmed the total freedom from bias of those gentlemen, and the earnestness with which they contended for "the strengthening and extending of the system rather than its overthrow," would of themselves awake uneasy feelings in the breasts of the tenantry. The scheme of the court valuers was met by a chorus of condemnation from the very outset—condemnation not confined to any one province, but joined in by all four. Fortunately the Government proved less obstinate than the Land Commissioners, whose unexpectedly revealed letter will cause their every official action to be henceforward watched more jealously than ever.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—*To the Editor of the New York Evening Post:* The wool clip of the United States, taking the highest estimate, is about 220,000,000 pounds, raw. Averaging the whole, high and low grades, at 30 cents a pound, will give us an aggregate of $65,000,000. Our woolen industry—manufacturer's value—is $367,000,000. Ready-made clothing, woolen shirts, cloaks, etc., manufactured out of these goods amount now to fully $250,000,000. We have, therefore, industries amounting in the aggregate to over $500,000,000, whose very existence is based on this raw material and its liberal supply at reasonable and stable prices. The woolen industries employ 167,000 persons; the ready-made clothing and other kindred industries fully 250,000. Manufacturing interests of over $500,000, and the daily bread of nearly half a million of working people depend upon this staple. A tax of 10 cents a pound on raw wool amounts for this large clip to only $22,000,000. It would be a very great saving to the people of the United States if we were to pay a bounty of 10 cents a pound to the sheep-raiser, admit wool and its substitutes free, and take this disturbing element—tax on wool—out of our manufacturing industries and commercial relations. A tax on raw materials is not like a tax on finished goods. A tax on raw materials is equal to its own amount, plus the usual percentage of gross profit, multiplied by the number of procedures through which it has to pass until it reaches the consumer in the finished state. A protection of $65,000,000 on wool licenses swelling and swelting at each intermediate stage until it reaches the consumer, and may be called nearer a hundred million of dollars when it reaches the consumer in its most finished state, without any adequate advantage to manufacturer, workingman, or consumer. The average loss of the farmer in the enhanced price of woolen goods on account of wool protection is fully five times as large as the extra profit would be on protected wool if the number of sheep we raise were divided among our four millions of farmers. Free wool and a tariff on manufactured woolens, graded according to the advance the article has made toward perfection as an article of use or wear, the reverse of the proposition of the Tariff Commissioners, would be protection to our manufacturers. The commission's scheme is not such protection.

SCHEDULE C—METALS.

This is the masked position. The skillful Captains who have managed this campaign have made this a real Malakoff. Fortified so strongly, with the stubborn wool-interest as a reserve blindly following their leadership, they defy their assailants. Their real objective point is a raising of duties on Bessemer steel. To get this through Congress all the liberal generalities of the period have been pressed into a report, to please the reformers, who clamored so loudly for a reduction on blankets and that sort of thing. They got 25 per cent reduction on things never thought to be imported. This is a blind and a snare. The specific tariff of 1867 is $35 a ton on steel, about 30 per cent of its values of that time. "Ingots, bars, sheets, etc., two and one-half cents per pound," equal to $50; "in any other form, not otherwise provided for, 30 per cent." Blooms belong to this "not otherwise provided for" class, and ought to come in at 30 per cent ad valorem.

Now this is the great point: to raise all and everything known in the nomenclature of steel to a specific rate, so as to get that telltale ad valorem rate out of the way—a really popular way of levying duties. Everybody knows what 100 or 250 per cent means. But who knows what 6-10 of 1 cent, or 2 cents, or 2¾ cents, or 3½ cents a pound of steel means? You might as well ask the mean distance of Sirius from our sun in a civil-service examination. Blooms not less than five inches square they are willing to admit at 6-10 of one cent a pound, or $13.44 a ton, at present value equal to a duty of 64 per cent. This size can only be used by railmakers. Under present conditions the tariff is as prohibitory as if the rate were $50. The railmakers all make their own steel. All other sizes used by our manufacturing industries are classified as follows: "Steel ingots, cogged ingots, blooms, etc., etc." (here follows a long list of enumerations), "*less* than five inches, value at five cents a pound or less (how shrewd!), two cents per pound; valued above five cents and not above nine cents per pound, two and three-fourths cents per pound; valued at above nine cents, three and a half cents per pound." For steel in ingots, bars, blooms, billets, etc., there is no such valuation. They might as well say a dollar or less. Instead of five cents a pound or $112 a ton, the values are as follows (in smaller sizes there may be a difference of a few dollars a ton):

Bessemer ingots	$20
Bessemer blooms	21
Bessemer billets	23

PROPOSED TARIFF.

Bessemer ingots, $44.40, equal to 222 per cent ad valorem.

Bessemer blooms, $44.40, equal to 211 per cent ad valorem.

Bessemer billets, $46.40, equal to 193 per cent ad valorem.

Figures are ugly things. Then follows his proviso:

Provided, that all metal produced from iron or its ores, which is cast and malleable, of whatever description or form, without regard to the percentage of carbon contained therein, whether produced by cementation or converted, cast, or made from iron or its ores by the crucible, Bessemer, pneumatic, Thomas Gilchrist, basic, Siemens-Martin, or open-earth process, or by the equivalent of either, or by the combination of two or more of the processes or their equivalents, or by any fusion or other process which produces from iron or its ores a metal fine granular or fibrous in structure, which is cast and malleable, excepting what is known as malleable iron castings, shall be classed and denominated as steel.

Pretty well provided for. But suppose some man should make a discovery of a new name or a new kind of process of which these kind gentlemen did not and could not think in this very searching "Provided." What then? Well, "Steel in any form, not especially enumerated or provided for in this act, twenty cents per pound." $66.40 per ton. The present tariff says: "Steel, in any other form not otherwise provided for, 30 per centum *ad valorem*." Thirty per centum raised to 200 per cent. And it remains to be seen whether Congress will dare to sanction the contemplated swindle. J. SCHORHOF.

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BUSINESS.

The Local Money Market Active and Steady—Eastern Exchange Firm.

The Year Opens with Weakness in Stocks, with Heavy Selling.

The Leading Lines of Produce Opened Firm, but Soon Turned Down, with Activity in Provisions and Corn.

Other Cereals Dull—The January Boom Has Not Yet Put in Its Appearance.

FINANCIAL.

The local money market was unusually active, both in the line of discounts and in that of general business. Coupons were being cashed freely, and large amounts of money placed on loan, while the demand for accommodations was fully equal to the supply. Bank rates were 7@8 per cent. The movement of currency to the country was only moderate in volume.

The local bank clearings aggregated $11,000,000, being $3,000,000 more than the total for Saturday.

Eastern exchange was firm, with sales between banks at 25@50c premium per $1,000.

Foreign exchange was again weak at unchanged figures. Posted rates on sterling were quoted at 481@485, with actual at 480¼@480¾, and English documentary bills at 479@479½. Continental exchange was quoted as follows: Bankers' francs, 522½@515¾; documentary bills, 528¾@517½; bankers' marks, 95¼@93¾; documentary marks, 95¾.

The New York stock market was active and weak yesterday. There was sharp selling along nearly the whole line, some of it undoubtedly being on orders by parties who wanted to take advantage of the boom which so many had expected would set in after the new year owing to the desire to invest money received in the shape of dividends and interest. The strength in the money market was surprising, and led to the suspicion that it was the result of manipulation to bear prices for buying.

The bulls have now deferred the time for the expected advance to about the middle of January.

The *Globe* gives the following as a summary of the situation in railroads within two weeks:

"The New York Central, Nickel Plate, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis, and Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroads will be one system in the Vanderbilt interest, thus forming a great through route from the East to Cincinnati and St. Louis in opposition to the Pennsylvania Central and Wabash systems. The Illinois Central will compete for Omaha business as long as other lines continue to demoralize rates from Sioux City and other points on the Iowa Division of the Illinois Central. The latter road has a contract with the St. Paul & Omaha line for mutual business to and from Omaha by way of Sioux City. It can make west-bound rates, while the Omaha makes east-bound rates. The contract can be terminated at six months' notice.

A New York dispatch says a consignment of standard-weight steel rails was made there on Saturday for a North Carolina road at $41.00 per ton, and 3,000 tons of light-weight rails were bought in Chicago Wednesday at $42.00 per ton.

The imports of dry goods at New York for the years named were as follows:

	1882.	1881.	1880.
Mfs. of wool	$20,176,522	$21,095,265	$11,192,981
Mfs. of cotton	20,211,471	23,067,891	20,136,384
Mfs. of silk	35,342,949	34,617,264	43,383,022
Mfs. of flax	16,824,938	16,461,268	15,015,178
Mfs. dry goods	11,290,839	10,848,047	11,546,178
Total imports	$103,846,120	$111,557,695	$102,263,130

The *Journal of Commerce* (New York) says: "A few facts concerning the fluctuations of this trade at our port it is well to keep before our readers. From 1862 the record of imports shows a steady increase until 1869, when they were nearly double those of the previous year. In 1861 the falling off was $63,000,000 below the preceding year, after which the increase was gradual until 1866, when the total was larger than ever before, the effect of which was a decline in 1867 of nearly 30 per cent. Then followed a year increase of nearly 172, when the total reached the enormous figures of nearly $157,000,000, and had it not been for the panic of 1873 that year would probably have shown a larger amount; but, Europe being suddenly frightened, orders and shipments were suddenly annulled, and the decrease has been regular until 1878, when a decided change occurred, succeeded by a more marked increase in 1879, followed by a decrease last year, compared with which, however, this year shows a large increase."

The following were yesterday's binding quotations on leading stocks on the Chicago Stock Exchange, except where a dagger (†) indicates that the asking price is given:

Chicago Nat'l Bank	118	Chicago City 5-6s, 1922	100
Commerce' Nat Bank	200	Chicago City Ry. Bds	90
Corn Nat'l Bank	200	Cook County 7s, 1882	100½
Hide & Leather N Bk	125	Cook County 7s, 1885	104½
Hibernian Ban'g Co	110	Cook County 7s, 1893	115
Home Nat'l Bank	100	Cook County 7s, 1895	120
Ill. Trust & Sav. Bk	145	Cook County 5s, 1903-10	103½
Merchants' Nat'l Bk	300	Lincoln P. Ex. 6s, 1886	102
Merchants' L. & T. Co.	100	Ch. Chi. City Ry. 6s	100
Nat. Bank of America	103	Hide 6s, 2-32, 1905	105½
Nat. Bank of Illinois	115	South Side 7s, 1894	105
N. W. National Bank	100	South Park 7s	105
Traders' Bank	100	W. Div. Ry con. 5-20s	105½
Union National Bank	100	W. Div. Ry 1st M. 5s	100
Union Trust Co	225	West Park 6s, 1890	111
Chicago City 7s, 1884	102½	West Town 5s, 1899	115
Chicago City 7s, 1887	105	Minneapolis Gas 6s	105
Chicago City 7s, 1889	107½	Mus. U. Tel. Co. 6s	71
Chicago City 7s, 1892	112½	Chicago Gas 1st 6s	105
Chicago City 7s, 1895	119½	C. & C. Gas L. & C. con 6s	105
Chicago City 7s, 1896	122	C. & C. C. & D. C. pref. 5s	51
Chicago City 7s, 1897	124½	Chicago Gas Light & Coke	75
Chicago City 6s, 1904	113½	Chi. Gas L. & Coke Co.	161½
Chicago City 6s, 1905	110	Inter-State Ind'l Exc.	5
Chicago City 6s, 1906	115	N. Chi. City Ry	100
Chicago City 6s, 1908	118½	N. Chi. Rolling Mill Co.	10
Chicago City 6s, 1908	118½	Trades' Pal. Ex.	100
Chicago City 6s, 1910	118½	W. Div. City Ry	100

Sales on the Stock Board were:

100 C G I. & L Co	16¼	10 do	93¾
300 Mut U Tel Co	71	100 N Pacific R.R.	93¾
200 do	71	100 A T & S F R R Jan'l	93¾
200 do	71	100 N Pac R R s j Jan	43
100 do	71	100 A T & S F R R Jan'l	93¾
100 C M & St P R Deb	102½	100 N Pac R R s j	43
10 A T & S F Ry Bds	85¾	100 N Pac R R s j	43
10 do	85¾	100 C M & St P R Deb	102½
10 do	85¾	100 W St L & P R Deb	85¾
10 do	85¾	100 W St L & P R Deb	85¾

NEW YORK.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Speculation on the Stock Exchange was weak today, and values generally are ½ to 3½ lower than at the close Saturday. The market opened 1½ higher for Alton & Terre Haute preferred, 1¼ higher for do common, and irregular for the remainder of the list. In the early dealings there was an improvement ranging from ½ to 1, but weakness quickly set in, and prices declined ½ to 2¾. In the final dealings a fractional rally from the lowest figures took place. The principal event in the exchange today was a bear raid on Texas Pacific, Kansas & Texas, Wabash, and St. Paul shares. The Western Union people say that the principal effect of the dissolution of the Mutual Union pooling injunction will be to give the Western Union's Mutual Union stock to the pool just as soon as a market is created for it. They further say that there is no likelihood of a telegraphic war. Mr. Gould is reported as saying that he looks for a dull but firm market in the immediate future. There was an increased demand for Mexican State bonds on the revival of the rumor that the Rothschilds and Seligmans were negotiating with the Government for the refunding of the entire National debt. There were rumors that foreign orders have been received to sell 10,000 shares of New York Central stock, but no confirmation was obtainable from foreign houses. A rumor has been current today that Northwest would consolidate with Omaha on the basis of 100 shares of Northwest common for 125 shares of Omaha preferred. President Hughitt stated Saturday, in answer to a question about the consolidation, that Omaha would preserve a distinct organization, and that the road would be run on its merits. The attack on Texas Pacific was based on rumors that the bonds of the company were affected by the Arkansas decision, making State-aid bonds a first lien on the roads to which issued. As a matter of fact, Texas Pacific has no Arkansas State-aid bonds. A rumor that the Texas Pacific Company had defaulted on some of its interest was untrue. It was probably based on a default by a small road in Arkansas, which bears were willing should be considered as belonging to the Gould system. A prominent Broad street broker is said to have been a heavy seller of Texas Pacific today. The point is to sell Texas for several points further down. There has been a rumor of new stock to be issued, also a report that the road would be leased to the Missouri Pacific. Insiders have said that the decline would not last, and that the drop afforded an excellent opportunity for acquiring cheap stock. Insiders in the Pacific roads state that the bill reported in Congress today is quite harmless.

It is estimated that the amount of interest due in this city today outside of dividends by banks and insurance and trust companies amounts to $25,000,000.

Money ranged between 2 and 7 on call to borrowers on pledge of stock collateral until late in the afternoon, when the rate was bid up to 10, closing offered at 8. Holders of Government bonds were supplied at 3. Time loans and prime mercantile discounts are nominally unchanged.

The following table shows the quotations and transactions on the New York Stock Exchange for the day:

Descriptions.	Sales.	First.	High.	Low.	Last.	Jan. 2.
Alton & T. H.	1,300	46½	50	46½	49½	47
Do pfd	400	95	95	94½	94½	.....
A. N. Central	100	97	97	97	97	.....
Balt. & O.	850	142¾	142¾	142¾	142¾	.....
Canada Southern	2,200	57	57½	56½	56½	56¾
Central Pacific	1,210	80	80	78½	78½	78¾
Chicago & Alton	150	134½	134½	134½	134½	132
C. B. & Quincy	2,300	137	137½	136½	136½	136
C. C. C. & I.	400	81	81	80	80	.....
C. & E. I.	300	77	77	76	76	.....
Chic. & Ohio	100	27	27	27	27	.....
Do 2d pfd	100	24½	24½	24½	24½	.....
Cleve. & Pitts	100	140	140	140	140	.....
Denver & Rio G.	1,300	41	41½	39¾	40½	41½
Del. & Hudson	1,300	108¼	108½	107	107	106
Del., L. & W.	2,600	138¾	139½	138¼	139½	138
Erie	15,400	39	39	37½	37½	38¼
Do pfd	300	69	69	68½	68½	68
East Tenn. & Ga.	100	10¼	10¼	10¼	10¼	10
Do pfd	940	16½	16½	16	16	16
Ft. Worth & Den.	100	97	97	97	97	.....
Fort Wayne	200	137½	137½	135	135	.....
G. H. & S. A.	400	104	104	104	104	.....
H. & St. Joe pfd.	200	71	71	71	71	72
Do C. B. & Q.	100	99	99	99	99	.....
Illinois Central	1,100	143¾	144½	143	143	142¾
Jersey Central	1,000	31	31½	30½	30½	30
Kansas & Texas	10,150	30¾	30¾	29¾	29¾	31
L. E. & Western	200	57	57	57	57	57½
Lake Shore	15,300	119¾	119¾	118¾	118¾	119
Long Island	670	69½	69½	69	69	.....
Louis. & Nash	10,050	50	50½	49½	49½	50
Man. 1st pfd	200	84	84	84	84	.....
Manhat'n Beach	600	18½	18½	18	18	18
Mich. & Chas.	100	87	87	87	87	.....
Mich. Elevated	100	35	35	35	35	.....
Mich. Central	4,700	93	93½	92½	93½	93
Minn. & St. L.	200	11	11	11	11	11
Morris & Essex	300	139¾	139¾	139¾	139¾	.....
Missouri Pacific	2,800	101¾	103¾	100¾	103¾	101¾
Nash. & Chat.	1,200	56	56	55	55	57¾
N. Y. Central	17,324	128	129¾	125¾	125¾	126
N. Y., L. E. & W.	250	114½	114½	114½	114½	.....
Do pfd	300	128¾	128¾	127	127	128¾
Nor. & W. pfd	50	48	48	48	48	47
Northern Pacific	12,600	47¾	47¾	46	46	47¾
Do pfd	3,300	84½	85½	84½	84½	85
Northwestern	10,610	134¾	136½	133¾	136½	134¾
Do pfd	300	141	141	141	141	140
Ohio Central	710	13¾	13¾	13	13	13¾
Ore. & Wstern	100	25	25	25	25	25
O. Trans-Cont.	1,720	56¾	59¾	57	57	58¾
Pacific Mail	500	41¾	41¾	40¾	40¾	41¾
P., F. W. & C.	200	123	123	123¾	123¾	124¾
Peoria, D. & E.	100	25¾	25¾	25¾	25¾	26
Pittsburg	200	140	140	140	140	.....
Reading	8,400	35¾	36¾	35¾	35¾	35¾
Rich. & Dan.	100	56	56	56	56	56
Rich. & Pitts	100	23¾	23¾	23	23	23¾
Rock Island	2,110	134¾	135	134¾	134¾	135¾
St. Paul	20,200	103¾	105¾	103¾	105¾	103¾
Do pfd	300	131	131	130¾	130¾	132¾
St. Paul & O.	13,600	124¾	127¾	124¾	126¾	125
Do pfd	1,505	131¾	133¾	131¾	133¾	131
St. Paul, M. & M.	800	142¾	142¾	142	142	141
Texas Pacific	21,300	38¾	39¾	37	37½	39¾
Union Pacific	14,112	107¾	108¾	107¾	108¾	108¾
Wabash	1,100	20¾	21	20¾	20¾	20¾
Do pfd	7,900	40¾	41¾	40	40¾	41
Western Union	11,746	81½	81¾	81	81¾	81¾

*Ex-div. ex. stock dividend 6 per cent.
†Ex. Pan & Omaha pfd. ex. quarterly dividend 1¾ per cent.

STATE SECURITIES.

Louisiana consols	70	Tennessee 6s, new	40
Missouri 6s, ex-int	114	Virginia 6s	30
St. Joseph	16¾	Virginia 6s, con. ex-int	40
Tennessee 6s, old	36¾	Virginia 6s, def'd	1¾

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

5s, ex-int	102¼	4s, ex-int	112¾
4s, extended, ex-int	122	Pacific 6s of 1895	129
4½s	119¾		

RAILROAD BONDS.

Cen. Pac. first, ex-int	112¾	U. P. land grants	110
Erie seconds	106	U. P. sinking funds	117
Lobish & Wilkes	101¼	Tex. Pac. land grants	37
U. P. first, ex-int	112¾	Tex. Pac. R. G.	83

EXPRESS STOCKS.

Adams	140	United States	62
American	90	Pacific	125

The following is a complete record of bond transactions and sales of bank and express stocks on the New York Stock Exchange:

11 A. M. TO 12 M.

$8000 U S 4s reg	115¾	$500 Met Tel	84¾
20000 Atch, Top & Sanfe	56	2000 M & StP 1st 5s	107¾
10000 do	56¼	1000 do 7s	121
5000 do	56¼	2000 N J C gen	108¾
1000 Ark'n L R 1st 6s	50	1000 N Y & Mo 1st	102
3000 Ark'n C R land	35	8000 N O Pac 1st	86¾
2000 M & E R	56	8000 Tex Pac 1st Rio	83¾
1000 M & L 1st	90	2000 do	83¾
2000 Can South 1st	86	5000 do	83¾
1000 Can Pac st bds	113¾	5000 do	83¾
1000 D L & W 7s	105¾	2000 do	83¾
1000 Erie 2d mtg	102¾	1000 Northwest 1st	118
1000 E & T H 1st	105	2000 Nor Pac 1st	105¾
1000 do	97¾	1000 N Y Cent'l 1st	96¾
7000 Gr West 5s	30	1000 N & W gen mtg	100
2000 E Pac 1st con	108¾	2000 O L P 1st	105
4000 Met 1st	108¾	20000 Wab gen mtg 5s	73¾
2000 do	108¾		

12 M. TO 2 P. M.

$1000 Atch, Top & Sanfe 5s	112¾	$1000 N Y L E & W 3 con	105¾
10000 M & Red R	93¾	3000 N Orl Pac 1st	86
500 A & Pac 1st	93¾	3000 N Orl Pac 1st	86¾
1000 do	93¾	2000 Ill Cent 1st 7s	120
1000 do	93¾	1000 do 7s	120
1000 C St P M & O con	109	1000 NY cons coup	128¾
1000 D L & W 1st of 1887	120	2000 Y H Div bonds	69
1000 M & A 7s	56		

2 P. M. TO 3 P. M.

$1000 U S 4½s reg	114¾	$1000 N Y L E & W 3 con	105¾
1000 U S 4s reg	112¾	3000 N Orl Pac 1st	86
24000 U S 4s coup	112¾	4000 do	86¾
500 A & Pac 1st	93¾	2000 Ill Cent 1st 7s	120
1000 D & R G 1st con	88	1000 N Y C & H 1st	97
3000 E & T H 1st	97¾	1000 N Y Elev 1st	114
1000 E Pac 1st con	108¾	1000 Ill Cent 1st 7s	120
1000 K P 1st Deb sen	107	1000 R & Pitt inc	47¾
1000 L & N & D 1st	103¾	50 Car 1st	101¾
1000 Mob & Ohio deb	85	1000 Ind B & W C 1st	94
7000 do old deb	85	1000 St Paul g gold	120¾
1000 do	85	1000 Mich C & A R 7 1st	108
1000 M & E 1st of '11	121	2000 Ark Br 1st	107¾
2000 Mes 1st	99	20 Am Ex	99

The following were the bond sales on the Boston Stock Exchange:

FIRST BOARD.

$600 U. S. & Pat S.	105	$2000 Mex Central 7s	74¾
5000 do	105	2000 Northern Pac 1s	109¾
1000 N Y & N E 6s	110	2000 do 1s	109¾
1000 N Y & N E 7s	115¾	1000 Wis C 1st series	78¾
12000 Mex Central 1s	74		

SECOND BOARD.

1000 C B & Q 5s	122	2000 N Pacific 6s	102¾
12000 Mex Cent 1s	74	20000 Sonora 1st 7s	104¾

To the Western Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Produce exports for the week, $6,477,850.

BOSTON.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—The following were the sales of stocks on the Boston Stock Exchange:

First board—	Sales.	First.	High.	Low.	Last.
Atchison	172	86	86¾	85¾	86¾
Boston & Albany	2	137	137	137	137
Boston & Lowell	5	117	117	117	117
Boston & Maine	16	148¾	149¾	148¾	149¾
Boston & Prov	10	181	181	181	181
C. B. & Q.	325	122	122	122	122
Cala. Southern	10	49	49	49	49
Int. & Great Nthn	200	41	41	41	41
Eastern	102	35	35	35	35
Flint & P. M. pfd	10	100	100	100	100
Iowa Falls & S. P.	17	50	50	49	49
Little Rock	10	49	41	49	41
Mass Central	10	3	3	3	3
M. H. & O.	30	72	72¾	71	72¾
Mex. Cen., blocks 3	10	74	75	74	75
Mex. Tel.	10	8¾	8¾	8¾	8¾
N. Y. & N. E.	40	26¾	26¾	26¾	26¾
Old Colony	40	114	114	114	114
S. B. & Nor. ex. div.	5	116	116	116	116
T. & A. R.	1025	54	54	54	54
Union Pacific	1	108¾	108¾	108¾	108¾
Quincy mining	10	60	60	60	60
Bonanza develpt	500	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾
Cal. & Hecla	5	25	25	25	25
Franklin mining	25	15	15	15	15
Napa mining	100	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾
Osceola mining	10	54	54	54	54
Silver Lake mining	200	58	58	58	58
San Pedro mining	100	40	40	40	40
Second board—					
Am. Bell Tel	10	182¾	182¾	182¾	182¾
A. & Pach. blocks	4	93¾	93¾	93¾	93¾
Atchison	100	86	86	86	86
Bos. & Alb.	10	140	140	140	140
Flint & P. M. pfd	200	104	104	104	104
Mex. C. blks No. 3	7	75¾	75¾	75¾	75¾
N. Y. & N. E.	100	26¾	26¾	26¾	26¾
Little Rock & Ft. S.	220	40	40	40	40
T. C. & St. L.	100	7	7	7	7
Union Pacific	120	108¾	108¾	108¾	108¾
Wis. Cen. com	100	15¾	15¾	15¾	15¾

PHILADELPHIA.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—The market closed unsettled. The following were the closing of the principal stocks dealt in:

	Bid.	Asked.
Pennsylvania	50¾	50¾
Reading	36¾	36¾
Lehigh Valley	49¾	49¾
Northern Pacific	47¾	47¾
Northern Pacific, preferred	84¾	85¾
Lehigh Northern	38¾	38¾
E. P. & W	17¾	18¾
Compromise Mining	37¾	38

NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2.—Sight exchange on New York, par.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, Jan. 2—5 p. m.—Consols, 101 1-16.

United States securities—New 4s extended, 105½; 4s, 122¾; 4½s, 116.

Illinois Central, 147; New York Central, 130½; Erie, 16¾; Reading, 19¾.

Amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today is £30,000.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Rentes, 79f 65c.

MINING NEWS.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Mining stocks today very dull, with the exception of Sierra-Grande, which was very active and irregular, opening at 365, declining to 300, and closing at 325.

Standard sold at 685, Bodie 225, Buiwer 90, Chrysolite 150 and 145, and Robinson 125.

Sales for the day, 66,970 shares; only 100 shares of Robinson sold.

Caribon	3¾	Quicksilver pfd	38
Central Arizona	8	Silver Cliff	3¾
Excelsior	1¾	Standard	68
Homestake	17¾	Uturo	19
Little Pittsburg	3¾	Robinson	1
Ontario	33¾	South Pacific	10
Quicksilver	6		

BOSTON.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Mining stocks closed as follows:

Allouez Mining Co	3¾	Quincy	83
Calumet & H	251	Silver Islet	3¾
Catalpa	65	Osceola	32
Franklin	15	Huron	2
Pewabic	33¾		

SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Mining stocks closed as follows:

Alta	3¾	Northern Belle	2¾
Best & Belcher	4	Ophir	7
Bodie	2	Potosi	1¾
Bullion	2-32	Savage	3¾
Caledonia	1¾	Sierra Nevada	3¾
Challar	1¾	Silver King	10
Con. Virginia	9-16	Union Consolidated	5
Exchequer	9-16	Wales	1-16
Hale & Norcross	1¾	Yellow Jacket	1¾
Martin White	1¾	Navajo	1¾
Mexican	2¾	Mount Diablo	4
Mono	1-32		

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record Tuesday, Jan. 2:

CITY PROPERTY.

Prairie av, 62 ft n of Roosevelt-st, 82x132 ft, dated Nov. 18, 1882 (Robert E. Moss to Mary M. Walters) ..... $ 1,575

West Erie st, 120 ft w of Green, s f, 24x88 ft, dated Aug. 8, 1879 (estate of Nancy Snook to Charles Williams) 1,500

Fabius st, 250 s of Garfield av, w f, 25x125 ft, dated Nov. 8, 1882 (E. S. Newell to C. E. Wright) 600

McGregor st, 225 ft s of Fortland av, e f, 25x125 ft, improved, dated Dec. 15, 1882 (estate of John L. Rogers to Jacob Bauer) 3,100

Walnut st, 275 ft e of Parker place, s f, 24 ft to alley, dated Dec. 17, 1882 (Rev. Thomas Lee to William Hestermann) 900

Washington boulevard, 341 ft w of Fall st, s f, 50x125 ft, dated Jan. 1, 1883 (Samuel C. Bartlett to Abner M. Lewis) 4,800

Park av, 137 ft w of Wood st, s f, 25x125 ft, dated May 24, 1882 (Catharine A. Bishop to Charles N. Bishop) 3,950

Washington boulevard, 50 ft w of Fall st, n f, 75x125 ft, dated Dec. 30, 1882 (James Scully to George W. Jackson) 5,000

McGregor st, 125 e of Butler, n f, 25x125 ft to Twenty-fifth st, dated Sept. 16, 1882 (William H. Baldwin Jr. to Joseph H. Berry) 15,000

McGregor st, 8 w of Hanover, n f, 125x125 ft to Twenty-fifth st, with buildings, dated Sept. 20, 1882 (Pacific Insurance Company to Charles N. Stoble) 12,000

McGregor st, 8 w of Hanover, n f, 125x125 ft to Twenty-fifth st, dated Sept. 20, 1882 (Charles N. Stoble to Joseph H. Berry) 22,000

NORTH OF CITY LIMITS WITHIN A RADIUS OF SEVEN MILES OF THE COURT-HOUSE.

Lot on Dummy road, 16 ft n of Wellington st, in cem

...eres—Fine, fat, and well-formed ...ighing 1,300 to 1,500 lbs. ...ves—Well-fattened steers, weighing 1,450 lbs. ...grades—Steers in fair flesh, weighing ...Stock—Poor to common steers ...mon to choice cows for city ..., weighing 850 to 1,100 lbs. ...light and thin cows, heifers, ...lls, and scalawag steers.

CATTLE SALES.

Price.	No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
1,500	45	1,135	3,00	1	1,340	3,00
1,500	23	1,130	3,00	1	1,110

HAIR AND ODIORNE.

An Important Step Taken in the Litigation with Jesse Spalding.

Judge Moran Declines to Dissolve the Injunction Granted on Behalf of the Latter.

A Very Thorough Examination of the Facts and Principles Involved in the Case.

On Nov. 1, 1882, Hair & Odiorne, lumber dealers, who had up to that time been reputed to be solvent, confessed five judgments to the aggregate amount of over $90,000. These were in favor of the National Bank of Illinois, Preston, Kean & Co., the Commercial National Bank, Beveridge & Dewey, and Carton & Co. Executions were issued and delivered to the Marshal and Sheriff, who were put in possession of the yard and lumber. On the same day, and within an hour after the entry of the last judgment, the debtors made to M. R. Freshwaters a general assignment, which was recorded.

At the time of the failure the debtors owed Jesse Spalding for lumber sold to them on credit—the part unsold constituting all but a small part of the lumber on which the levies had been made—about $250,000. Their course of business had been as follows: As each cargo was inspected and the bill rendered, they would give their promissory note for the amount. Such notes had been given for all but three of the cargoes, which were delivered so near the failure—one being the day before—that the bills had not been rendered.

The debtors' schedules showed that the creditors in whose favor the judgments had been confessed were their only creditors at the time of the failure besides Mr. Spalding, and, as practically their only assets, the lumber which had been levied upon and about $30,000 of open accounts, except certain lots and mining stocks of small value.

THE EFFECT OF THE PREFERENCES,

if successful, was to pay these creditors in full and to leave Mr. Spalding substantially nothing but the $30,000 of open accounts, unless more should be realized than was expected on a forced sale.

Subsequently the debtors were examined by an officer of the County Court, and it appeared from the examination that during the month of October preceding their failure they had made payments to relatives of old debts to the amount of about $23,000 and had made transfers of property in anticipation of the failure. It also appeared that they determined to make the assignment the night before it was made and adopted the plan of judgment notes to give a preference to the preferred creditors. It further appeared that the notes were all signed in their attorney's office the next day and delivered to the different banks immediately for the purpose of having the judgments entered, their attorneys being engaged meanwhile in drawing the assignment. It was also found that the books turned over to the Assignee were the recent books, the cash-book only going back to July and the journal to May. The books necessary to carry an examination of the affairs of the firm back to July have not yet been found.

The latter part of November Mr. Spalding filed two bills, one in the United States Court, to attack the judgment and levy in favor of the National Bank of Illinois in that court, and one in the State Circuit Court, attacking the other judgments and levies in that court.

THE BILLS PRESENTED TWO MAIN GROUNDS.

One was that the statutes of the State make void all preferences in general assignment, and that the confession of the judgments and the general assignments were really one transaction; and that the plan of giving preference by judgment by confession, instead of writing it in the assignment itself, was a mere device to evade the statute, and for that reason the judgments were void. The other ground was based on three written statements of assets and liabilities, which, it was alleged, were given by the firm to Mr. Spalding in February, April, and June last. All of these statements showed a credit-balance of about $25,000, and none of them mentioned the liabilities to the banks or to relatives. It was claimed that they were false in these and other respects, and that Mr. Spalding was deceived by them into selling the large amount of lumber which he subsequently did (over 14,000,000 feet) on so long a credit.

A motion was made before Judge Blodgett in the United States Court to enjoin the sale by the Marshal under the Bank of Illinois judgment, but Judge Blodgett decided to let the sale go on, ordering the Marshal to hold the proceeds until a further order of the court.

An injunction was issued on the bill in the State Court and the motion to dissolve the injunction was heard by Judge Moran about two weeks ago on very full affidavits and elaborate arguments.

JUDGE MORAN YESTERDAY RENDERED HIS DECISION

on the motion, sustaining the injunction. Below is the full text of his opinion:

The case of Spalding vs. the Commercial National Bank and others. Motion to dissolve an injunction. In this case the affidavits, exhibits, and so forth make a voluminous record. The case was very elaborately argued by the different counsel engaged in it, and, while it was an interlocutory motion and one in which perhaps the court could not be expected to go into the decision of questions in any such a way as would be done upon a final determination of the case, still I felt that the questions in the case were of such a character and the attention given it by counsel was such that it would be proper that the court should state, at some length perhaps, the reasons for the conclusions reached.

The bill may be said to have been

FILED UPON TWO GROUNDS.

It is alleged in it that the several judgments which are set out were confessed by the defendants Hair & Odiorne in contemplation of making a general assignment, and so near to the act of general assignment and under such circumstances that the entering of the judgment and the making of the assignment are to be regarded as one act in law or one transaction, and that the entering of a judgment was a mere artifice to evade the provisions of the statute of this State, which declares that preferences in a general assignment for the benefit of creditors shall be void, and the bill prays that these judgments shall be set aside and treated as void, and that the lien, or apparent lien, which they create shall be moved, and that the property shall be returned to the creditors to share equally under the law in this State in reference to general assignments for the benefit of creditors. The evidence of Hair and Odiorne was taken and read as affidavits on the hearing, and the evidence of Hair on that point I just wish to allude to briefly. Speaking of the creditors—that is, the banks and the persons who had loaned the money, and to whom the judgment notes were given and when they were given—

THE QUESTION IS ASKED:

Q.—They didn't know anything about it—that is, they didn't know anything about the assignment? A.—Not a thing.

Q.—When you drew them? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Then the fact was, as I understand you, you had determined to make this voluntary assignment, and that you intended to prefer these banks by giving them judgment notes? A.—That is it exactly.

Q.—And you were advised that by that method you could obtain a preference, were you not? A.—Yes, I know they could without advice.

Q.—You knew they could? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—At the time you executed the assignment were you informed that judgments had been entered on the notes? A.—I don't remember whether they were or not. I supposed they were.

Q.—That was your understanding, was it? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—That it had been completed? A.—Yes, sir; I supposed the banks would hustle off pretty fast and enter them up.

Q.—It was your understanding they would be told to do that? A.—No, sir.

That is the testimony of Hair.

THE TESTIMONY OF ODIORNE,

speaking of substantially the same matters, says:

Q.—At the time you signed these notes that were given to the banks you knew that they were judgment notes, didn't you? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And it was your understanding that the firm expected to execute a voluntary assignment, and the giving of these notes was the method of giving a preference to those banks, didn't you? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And that the purpose of giving those judgment notes was to give the preference to the banks? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You intended that they should enter these judgments to the banks? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You intended they should enter the judgments before the assignment was finally delivered so as to get that preference—wasn't that it? A.—Yes, sir; I believe it was.

Q.—You got here on Monday before the assignment was made, you say. Did you have any talk with Mr. James A. Mar about the business on Monday? A.—I did not see him until Monday night.

The evidence that I have read expresses the opinion or intent that was in the minds of the two members of this firm at the time of the execution of the assignment and the giving of the judgment notes, and it is manifest from this evidence, which is all there is now before the court, of course I don't mean to find any fact from it—but from the evidence now before the court I say it is manifest that these debtors had at the time they executed these judgment notes and the assignment an intention in their minds to make an absolute and complete transfer of all their property for the benefit of their creditors, and so arranged it that

SOME OF THESE CREDITORS SHOULD HAVE A PREFERENCE,

and they accomplished that fact by giving them these judgment notes and having them entered up before the assignment was delivered. And further this evidence shows that they gave preferences between the different creditors that were preferred over the general assignment—that is, certain banks received their judgment notes first, and the persons who were sent around with the judgment notes to deliver waited until those banks could get to the courts and enter up their judgments so that this one particular bank, at least, should have a first and preferred claim over all the other creditors. There was an order observed in the delivery of the judgment notes, and an apparent design to give to the Bank of Illinois the first lien; to some other bank—I cannot remember the order in which they come—a second lien, and to other banks in the order in which the judgment notes were delivered liens upon the property, and finally a transfer of all the property by general assignment.

Now, that is all one transaction, unless the way in which it is done or the form that it assumed in its execution makes it different and separate transactions. The intention of the debtors is expressed by themselves in unmistakable language. They intended to make a general assignment, and intended to make it in such a way that their creditors should have an order of payment designed by themselves.

It was insisted at the hearing—and I was then considerably impressed by the position—that the giving of judgment notes could not be considered as a part of the transaction of a general assignment, and it was insisted that that could not be so—first, because the creditor, when he received the judgment-note, might not be in any step at all to create a lien or to avail himself of the benefit of it; and second, it was argued that it could not be so, because, after giving the judgment notes, the failing debtor might take advantage the assignment and deliver it at all. Upon reflection and an examination of the authorities, I do not find myself able to take that view of the case. The law—the statute—has application to what the debtor meant, and it is the intention and act of the debtor that is to be examined when you are attempting to apply that law; and if the debtor makes up his mind to do the act which evades the law—to make a general assignment with preferences—then you are to see what he has done as it relates to the carrying out of his intention, and not the carrying out of anybody else's intention. These judgments are shown to have been entered at the suggestion of the debtors in this case. The act of entering these judgments, under the evidence that is now before the court, appears to be the act of the debtor, so far as its origination is concerned, and of the debtor alone. The debts to the banks—the notes to the banks—were not due. There is no evidence whatever that they were pressing the debtors. There is no evidence whatever of any request on their part or of any diligence on their part that might take them out of the rule. There is an absolute lack of all evidence tending to show that the minds of the banks or any of their officers acted in this matter at all. As it seems to me the banks, when they received these judgment notes, became

THE PASSIVE INSTRUMENTS OF THESE DEBTORS

to carry out these debtors' intent, and they went on and created a lien in the very way that the debtors intended they should create it.

Now it is said that, granting that is the case, you cannot interfere with it because it is a judgment; it is so different in its nature. The Supreme Court of Iowa seems to have no difficulty in determining that chattel mortgages given at the same time and in such a manner, and under such circumstances as to constitute the same transaction as a general assignment, were a part of the general assignment itself. That is, they say that this method which this debtor has taken of creating his lien, in violation of the law which prohibits preferences in a general assignment, is to be considered as a part of the general assignment, and the form of it is not to be regarded. The court looks at the essence of it. Now, if it is true that the court is to look at the essence of the transaction, what is there sacred about the form of a judgment? If a party wants to create a lien upon his property, or prefer somebody else, can it be so that he can devise a scheme that a court of chancery cannot look through and get at the essence of what he has done? It seems to me not, and if the judgment is given to create a lien, and it creates a lien, as we see it did, and as we know it does, then it is to be treated just as if it was created by any other instrument which could be devised for the purpose for which it was created, and it seems to me it is to be so treated. That is, it seems to me that if you are to construe these acts together, which is the carrying out of the debtor's intention, as one transaction, then you cannot be met by any form. The intention of the debtor is to be found, and the law is to be applied to carrying out that intention, if it is according to the law, and frustrating that intention if it is in violation of the law.

Now it is said that this cannot be done, and some courts in deciding these cases seem to have attached importance to the fact that parties who received the conveyances or who received the judgments did not know of any intention to create a general assignment, and that it does not appear in this case that the banks had any knowledge whatever, had any information, that a general assignment was about to be made, and therefore it is said that they stand as to knowledge when they received the judgment notes there was a bona fide consideration for them, and the notes cannot be treated as part of this transaction. But it will not do either to, say, as it seems to me, that the judgments cannot be set aside because the banks did not have notice of what these men were doing, because

IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHAT THE BANKS KNEW

or what they did not know. The law makes the act of the debtor void, and it is wholly indifferent whether it is done in the face of the whole world or done in secret. It is void if it is an act in contravention of that statute, and it does not make any difference how many parties participated nor what their reasons for participating in it are. It seems to me these acts are to be regarded in this way; you cannot say that because a creditor must do some act in order to create a lien, or because the debtor may halt in his original design of making an assignment before the judgment can cannot be held to be a preference. The acts are not to be regarded separately and given their legal effect as if the other acts had not been done. It is the whole of all the acts considered as separate parts of the whole of an entire scheme or design that the court is to look to. Then whatever action effectuates the debtor's design to make a general assignment of his property in such a manner as to in fact give a preference, whether it is done by parties having notice of such design, or by parties who are innocent in that regard, but who only act as he has moved them, and as he intended they should, is to be regarded as the act of the debtor, and as if done by him alone in carrying out his intention.

Now, if these judgments are under this evidence to be treated as a general assignment—and I do not want to be understood now in deciding that they are to be so treated; I am deciding merely upon what is before the court, for something may come before the court which may change the matter on final hearing—if, I say, they are to be so treated, then

HAS THIS COURT JURISDICTION?

and that question is perhaps more difficult than the first one. The case in the 83d Illinois, which was cited upon the hearing, seems from its language to indicate an opinion on the part of the Supreme Court that the County Court has jurisdiction, and exclusive jurisdiction, to deal with all questions arising out of general assignments. I had examined that case, and the language, and the facts of the case, as found in the 10th Bradwell, with what care I could in the hurried consideration I had to give to the subject, and I am not able to feel—I do not now feel—satisfied that the Supreme Court means to intimate any such sweeping doctrine as that a court of chancery has nothing to do with any question that arises under this general assignment law in this State; and the reason is this: this general assignment gives to the County Court jurisdiction, and that jurisdiction is to be exercised in a summary manner.

Now, it is fundamental that the law has provided appropriate forms of action; appropriate means of reaching and of correcting abuses and of righting wrongs. At common law, forms of action are provided, and so in equity certain forms of bills well understood by the profession and well known to the law are provided; and certain questions of jurisdiction controlled. Now, I can hardly believe that it is intended by the Legislature of this State to give to the County Court under this general assignment law, to determine by summary process, without any pleading or formal action, a question of fraud on the right to the title to property; and while the language of that case does seem to be broad, it seems to me it must be limited to the facts which were before the court, which were simply whether or not the County Court has the exclusive right to distribute the fund that was in the hands of the assignee, and when you come to apply the doctrine of the Supreme Court to those facts the path seems bright and clear. Manifestly the court is given control over the fund, and no court of chancery or other court will take supervision of that court in the distribution of the fund. But I do not wish now to be understood as deciding that question of jurisdiction finally; I wish merely to say that it is too important a question to decide upon an interlocutory motion. It seems to me that if the assignee has the power it is his duty to set aside fraudulent transfers that affect the title of property that he ought to have for the purpose of distributing to the creditors, or if he can go into any court—if there is any court authorized to assist him to get possession of the fund for distribution among the creditors—that it must be a court that has general jurisdiction, and that has power to adopt appropriate forms of legal proceedings to act, and that it cannot be done by summary motion or citation or attachment in the County Court. That court in the first place has no power to issue an injunction; it has no jurisdiction above a thousand dollars. The assignee might be compelled to bring a suit in replevin, and it cannot be said that that could be brought by citation in the county court. He must resort to a court of law having jurisdiction of the amount, and a set jurisdiction of the parties by regular process, and proceed to the determination of the questions, as it seems to me, in the regular way provided by law; and I can hardly believe that this statute—the language of the opinion of the Supreme Court being rather broad—I can hardly believe that it was intended to take away the right of an assignee to pursue their enemy in the appropriate court and by an appropriate form of action, and give a summary jurisdiction to the County Court to settle all questions of that kind.

Therefore on that branch of the case I am not willing to send the case out of court upon an interlocutory motion without determining it; not being understood now on this motion to finally pass upon it one way or the other. These are reasons which make me hesitate with reference to that branch of the case.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE OTHER BRANCH OF THE CASE,

it is alleged that the defendants, Hair and Odiorne, or the debtors, Hair and Odiorne, obtained the lumber from the complainant, Spalding, to the amount, I think, of $230,000 during the entire season of 1882, by a fraudulent representation made to Spalding about the 1st of February, 1882. On that fact there had been voluminous affidavits filed. On the part of Spalding there is his positive affidavit that he was in negotiation with them for the sale of the lumber at about the time that this statement was furnished, which is alleged to be false, and that he got this statement as a representation of their standing and ability, of their financial condition, that he relied upon it, and that relying upon it, and upon a subsequent pencil statement of the same import, he made a contract with them, by which he sold them a quarter of a million dollars' worth of lumber, and delivered it to them during the season of 1882. On the part of the defendants the affidavits are quite as positive that the statements was given to Spalding with reference to another matter altogether, the extension of a note, and that with it was given a protest in writing, or a paper that was called by counsel in the argument a protest, stating that the written statement of assets and liabilities was not a correct statement of the financial condition of the firm, and advising him of certain other facts and matters in connection with the written statement. Now, it is manifest that if a written statement or protest was given to Spalding at the time the financial statement was given that he cannot maintain this bill for fraud, because the written statement was of such a character as would put him or any other prudent man in a condition to be cautious at least, and, as it seems to me, would make it very doubtful whether he could continue transacting business to that extent to a firm that showed themselves by these two papers to be in that condition.

There are various affidavits by other parties, and there are circumstances about the case that lend the question in a state of uncertainty. There are two affidavits with reference to

THE DELIVERY OF THIS PROTEST

by the debtors—two positive affidavits by the two Hairs. There is the positive affidavit of Spalding that it was not delivered, and there are circumstances which seem to be upon Spalding phase of the transaction. In the first place, there is the circumstance, as they swear, that the bookkeeper of Hair & Odiorne made out this written statement—the statement of this financial condition—without any instructions from either one of the debtors or from any person at all. There is positive affidavit of Spalding and his clerk that this financial statement is in the handwriting of Hair, one of the debtors themselves. Then it is nowhere suggested in these affidavits that Spalding is not an average prudent business-man. In fact, it is rather suggested that he was exacting, tyrannical, and imperious; that he sought to know more about his debtors' affairs than he was really entitled to; that he violated the courtesy of business by insisting on information with reference to their condition. If he is an average prudent business-man it does seem difficult to explain why, after he got that protest, he invested the men with $200,000 worth of property and took their notes at six months to pay for it. It does not seem to be

AN ACT OF ORDINARY BUSINESS PRUDENCE.

I have said this much to show that this question of fraud cannot be satisfactorily determined upon affidavits. It is not a question a court can reach with any satisfaction upon affidavits. Cross-examination may explain all these differences; regular testimony taken in the regular way by attorneys may show the real truth of this transaction, and if it shall turn out that the statement was given as the defendants contend, or for any other purpose except for the inducement of the making of this contract for 1882, then of course on that branch it cannot be maintained.

That the bill is multifarious I think there is little doubt, but I think that question cannot be raised on a motion to dissolve an injunction. On final hearing that may be a serious question, and the complainants may be compelled before final hearing to get their bill in such shape that they will not stand, or seem to stand, on both phases of that transaction. And in that connection it seems to me exceedingly doubtful whether, under all the facts of this case, if there shall not be found a decree which will set aside the whole contract and give him the title to the whole of the lumber, he can make a portion of the lumber delivered on that contract subsequent, on the ground that it was delivered when they knew they could not pay for it. It seems to me it is very probable that that will go with the whole contract; that they were rescinding the general contract; and unless the general contract was induced by fraud it may be doubtful whether a portion of the contract can be held to be performed and other portions of it set aside because of fraud.

I have said this much, perhaps more than was necessary to say, because counsel so elaborately argued the case, and because they informed me so well upon all the branches of it on all sides, I felt it was due to counsel that I should give the impression that I got from the arguments that appeared to me material to be considered, and the facts that were presented. The case is one that should go to final hearing, and the motion to dissolve the injunction will be overruled.

If, on the final hearing, Judge Moran adheres to the conclusions announced by him in this opinion, and finds that there is no fraud, and that there is no such God as is believed in by the Christian world; that the accumulation and possession of property is a crime, and that the cure for all our social and political ills is assassination. In short, if one men has something and another has nothing, the latter shall take from the former, and if the one from whom the something is taken objects to the proceeding he is to be killed.

This propaganda is akin to that of the highway robber. If the man gives up without too vigorous a protest he is permitted to escape. If he resists he is killed. The plea of the highwayman has always been to the effect that there are rich people and poor people, and that all he does is to take from the one for the benefit of the other. Most's plan is the same, only he proposes that his party shall pursue their calling on the great highways of the world, ordering communities to "halt" and nations to "stand and deliver!" The difference is merely in degree. Where one robber is satisfied with the purse, the other would sack a treasury.

The rantings of such contemptible creatures as this man Most only serve to expose to the scorn of the world their diabolic character. Every such speech made by Most probably represents an important life saved and some property preserved in the Old world, though it is humiliating to be compelled to quietly endure such scum.

THE CRIMINAL CODE.

Some Further Facts in Regard to How the Administration of Justice Is Hampered by Legal Technicalities.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Continuing the conversation as recorded in my last letter, my legal friend said: We will suppose our criminal with his skilled attorneys, having exhausted all the gamut of delays—the trick of forfeiting bail, the false affidavits of the absence of a material witness, the attorneys being engaged in another court, the alleged prejudice of the Judge and of the people of Cook County—the continuances by consent of the State's-Attorney (referred to by the last grand jury as a great evil), and that he is at last called upon to face a jury of his peers, his crime being by this time from one to three years old, how is this jury to be obtained, and from what class? The law requires the County Board, in the month of September of each year, to make a list of not less than one-tenth of the legal voters of each town or district of the county, with place of residence of each person; and from this list, which contains 8,000 names—putting the number of voters at 80,000—the board must select 200 persons for each term of the Circuit and Superior Courts and 100 for each term of the Criminal Court, such persons to have the qualifications required by law—to-wit: an inhabitant of the town or precinct, and not exempt by law, over 21 and under 60 years of age, to be upon the natural faculties and not infirm or decrepit, and free from all legal exceptions, of fair character, of approved integrity, of sound judgment, well informed, and who understands the English language.

It is unnecessary to say that since the passage of the law in 1874 it has never been complied with. The County Board has occasionally had a few thousand names drawn off by a clerk and put in what is called a "jury-box" in the County Clerk's office, and they seem to think that that is the extent of their duty. The members of the board would earn their $5 a day if they complied with the law, and the taxpayers would not grumble about paying it. The Criminal Superior Courts have ten terms a year and the Criminal Court twelve terms, and it is the duty of the board to select from this list of one-tenth of the whole voters 2,000 jurors for the Circuit Court, 2,000 for the Superior, and 1,200 for the Criminal Court, and they are to come into court at each term of each court. I venture to say that a legal jury-list has never been made in this county, and I doubt whether it ever will be.

With all the technicalities thrown by law around criminal trials, the skilled lawyer can make quite as good use of all these errors in drawing the jury to secure a reversal for his client in case of conviction. After the box has been "well shaken" the Clerk of the court is to draw the names of thirty persons to serve two weeks. He issues his warrant to the Sheriff to summon these jurors. These names (I speak of what has been the rule) will be found to include some who are exempt, such as policemen, firemen, lawyers practicing, etc.; names of men who can scarcely understand a word of English; names of men who voted giving vacant lots as places of residence, for which the Sheriff returns "not found," as to vacant-lot men, and others are exempt or not qualified, and if eight out of the thirty are good jurors it will be above the average. The Clerk is required to keep on drawing from the box and the Sheriff to keep on summoning until thirty qualified persons are secured. Six are selected from the thirty by lot and excused, thus leaving a panel of twenty-four men.

The law is so cumbersome that it is practically impossible to comply with it. One can easily see that a strict compliance with the law would keep our courts idle more than half the time waiting for jurors to be properly selected. It is true that if the County Board would select every September 5,200 persons possessing all the qualifications required by law the system would work pretty well; but very few persons have the required of $360,000, and in 1863, only nineteen years ago, had above $3,000,000 capital. In 1864 its capital of $11,000,000 was doubled arbitrarily, and by 1868 there was $41,000,000 in it. In 1881 its capital was brought up to $80,000,000.

"The capital stock of this and the other companies," Mr. Horton said, "represents nearly $200,000,000 of stock property and water at present. Nevertheless, the Western Union Company sent 30,000,000 messages a year, earned $16,000,000, and had profits of $6,000,000 last year.

"Then you apprehend that there is to be more competition in telegraphy than in the railroad system?"

"Yes, I think so. It does not cost much money to build telegraphs between such points as Chicago and New York, compared to the cost of a railroad from even New York to Albany. The trouble with the railroads that have been recently built is that they all intended to be constructed for the price of their first-mortgage bonds, everything else being put in for nothing. Business and speculators. Such tremendous profits naturally kept increasing the number of persons who wanted to build, and at last the public has absorbed all it can hold, and has neither faith nor money for any more."

PRIZES OF THE HAREM.

How English Girls Are Decoyed into the Seraglios of the East.

It is quite notorious, says the London *World*, that every harem in the East aims at getting a European tenant for it. Year after year girls are reported to be missing from London, or Paris, or Brussels without any one knowing what has become of them. In a few days they are forgotten; they may have drowned themselves, become reformed, or died their usual death. Sometimes the story is that the girl has been decoyed to Belgium; though why Belgium, which is blessed with a plethora of that particular species of frailty, should cart coals to its own Newcastle is not easy to explain. Meantime it is impossible to pass along the streets of London without seeing snaky-eyed Orientals peering into the faces of millinery girls; and he must be an unobservant traveler indeed who has sailed in a Peninsula and Oriental steamer for Alexandria or Port Said without meeting the same rapscallions escorting rosy-cheeked damsels Cairoward. The supply is perhaps a little less than it used to be when Ismail Pasha ran special trains for the convenience of his consignment from Europe. But that in Egypt, India, Turkey, and the Orient generally every harem of any consequence keeps in its gilded cage one or more frail or foolish Britons is a fact which it is needless trying to deny, though it is humiliating to confess.

These wretched girls are decoyed by a life of ease and indolence. They are dazzled by a show of jewels, fine clothes, and the stories of the gorgeous East, and find too late that they have entered a squalid prison, amid women as heathen as any whom the world can show, and with whom it is impossible to exchange a word to while away the loneliness of a life which has lost its novelty. So long as they keep the favor of their lord they are objects of persecution and plots; when they lose it their lot is unhappy beyond conception. Such stray lambs are seldom sought after, though to their relatives they are as much lost as if they had plunged into the sea. The harem rarely surrenders its prisoners, and if it did they are too ashamed to return, poor and disillusioned. Again and again have rumors reached Delhi of Gen. Wheeler's daughter and other European ladies being kept in the harems to which they were dragged during the Indian mutiny. But soon the scent is lost. If there is any truth in the gossip it is certain that the objects of it are just beyond the chances of recovery, for whoever the harem-owner introduces to his guests he takes care to make an exception in favor of his Ferringhees. But if silly damsels err through ignorance and a love of laziness, what is to be said of women, reasonably well educated, who calculate—to gratify ambition, to spite somebody, or from some vague idea of "the romance of the thing"—sell themselves in cold blood to an Eastern potentate? The unhappy Mrs. Digby, after a varied marital experience, espoused the dirty Bedouin camel-driver, Mijuel of the Mizeb. What her opinions were she kept to herself; for, a pariah among her kindred, Lord Ellenborough's quondam bride felt sour to all the Christian race. It may be that this hatred is shared by, and constitutes their approach to happiness of, the weak-faced women who have chosen to be harem Britons.

FREEMAN SPEAKS AGAIN.

Further Results of His Observations in America—The Speech and Customs of Americans—The Cities and the Rural Life, and the Newspapers.

Paragraphs from His Article in Longman's Magazine.

Points of language almost imperceptibly glide into points of custom, and in points of custom, as well as in points of language, much that we are apt to look on as distinctively American is simply older English usage, which we have dropped.

We are struck in America with the constant absence of ceremony on public occasions, where we should have looked for some measure of form and state. Closely as the forms and processes of American law conform to our own, we are amazed at seeing everywhere, as far as I know, except in the Supreme Court of the United States, Judges sitting, not only without wigs but without gowns. There seems, indeed, to be a general dislike to the wearing of any kind of official dress. In matters of this kind I fancy that a good deal has been consciously dropped out of a notion of "republican simplicity." . . . And, indeed, even in the United States themselves some measure of official pomp cannot be got rid of on all occasions. I have seen the Governor of Massachusetts enter his capital undecorated, certainly, as far as his own person was concerned, but otherwise surrounded by a degree of pomp and circumstance which reminded me of the triumph of Marcus Furius Camillus.

And in private life the American strikes me as, on the whole, more ceremonious than the Englishman on this side of the ocean.

The British visitor in America is a little surprised at being called "Sir" in private life—at all events, at being called so a great deal oftener than he ever is on his own island. The word perhaps grates a little on his ears. But he only has to turn to his own Boswell to see that America has in this small matter simply kept on a usage which England has dropped. . . . In America it is distinctly harder than it is in England to get people with whom you are really intimate to drop the "Mr." and use simply the surname. . . . But in my own experience it was a relief when I escaped with simple "Mr." I generally had to write under the horrible titles of "Professor" or "Doctor." . . . In one famous university town I was able to turn the tables on my friends, and to ask them why they should either call me "Professor" or wish to be called "Professor" themselves, when there was in their own city a "Professor Parker," showing off dancing dogs. In some parts a stranger in commonly addressed as "Colonel" or "Judge." I was never addressed as "Colonel" save once at Baltimore, and that in the dark, so it was hardly because of any specially military air about me. "Judge" I never was called, though, as I happen to have something to do with judging, while I have nothing to do with teaching, it would have been one degree less out of place than "Professor." . . . It seems as if no one in America could withstand such a blandishment as being addressed as "Governor A," but "Mayor B" sounds to us odd. But more than once when I had been introduced to "Governor A." and had put myself into a proper mood of respect toward the chief magistrate of the State, I found that all the Governor meant was that the gentleman to whom I was speaking had been Governor in times past. In language that is at all precise it is counted more correct to say in such cases "ex-Governor"—as if one should say "ex-Hide Sheriff B."—but that is certainly often dropped. And the title given to the husband often extends to the wife. I have seen "Mrs. Professor" on a lady's card, and the newspapers sometimes tell one how "Mrs. ex-Senator A." went somewhere with her daughter, "Mrs. Senator B." Again, it is not always easy to remember all among the large class of people who are called "honorable"; and I found that "esquire" as an address was chiefly applied to lawyers. Among these, by the way, the formula "attorney and counselor at law," preserving two names which in England have parted from one right thing, I was little surprised at the vanquishing of "esquire." Now, "Mrs. Professor" sounds very ugly to us; but in Germany "Frau Professorin" is universal.

The rare use of the word "esquire" may have something to do with the total, or nearly total, disappearance of the thing. There certainly once were country gentlemen in the North as well as in the South. And, from a hill in New England which commanded a wide view, a local friend pointed out two houses, the owners of which, he said, still kept up something of the position of English squires, and were popularly called by that title. But such cases must certainly be exceptional. American life, as a rule, centres in the towns; indeed, many a American seems unable to understand any life which does not centre in a town. In my own case, most people seemed to assume that I must live in London or in Oxford, or, as some, I know not wherefore, suggested, in Manchester. The idea that a man, at all events that a man who wrote books, could live in his own house, among his own fields, seemed altogether strange to them. . . . The English gentleman is Mr. A., of such a place in the country, who most likely has his house in London also. The American gentleman is Mr. A., of such a city, who most likely has his house in the country also. In this matter of town and country the vast extent of the United States combines with their political constitution to cause another difference between England and America. In England we have one centre, that wonderful something—which is at once a political, a social, and a literary centre. London has lately been taught that, in a political sense, it is not England; but it none the less is, and is, and it more and more thoroughly becomes, the one centre of England. . . . But no one American city can, as things now stand, take the place which London holds in England. For no American city is at once the greatest city in the land and at the same time the seat of the National Government. To make an American London New York and Washington must be rolled into one. But New York and Washington rolled into one would not really make an American London. The size of the country, its Federal Constitution, would either of them alone be enough to hinder any one city becoming the one real National centre, like a great European capital. No city can be a real National centre to people who live 3,000 miles off. . . . If America has a few squires she has plenty of yeomen, and those on a magnificent scale. If in one way the American cities count for more than the English cities, if from one point of view America seems to be all town and no country, from another point of view the country counts for far more than it does in England. At any rate, the real voice of its inhabitants counts for far more.

A small American town or village—in some States the name "village" is the legal description of what we should call a market-town—is one that has grown with the same speed as its greater neighbors—is apt to have a very Old World air indeed about it. I am not speaking of new and unfinished places in the more lately-settled States, some of which have a very desolate look. I mean towns dating from the earlier days of settlement, but which have failed to advance with their neighbors, which in some cases have positively gone back. I remember very well the general effect of Bristol, in Pennsylvania. If the younger Boston and the younger York have greatly outstripped their older namesakes, the younger Bristol has as distinctly lagged behind the old. It had once, I believe, a considerable trade, which is now swallowed up by Philadelphia. It stands on a good site above the Delaware, and it has altogether, as these older towns commonly have, a respectable, comfortable, and thoroughly Old-World look. Places of this kind have somewhat the same air as those open towns or large villages which lie on what, in the days of coaches, was the main road between London and Oxford. . . . Let me speak of another place smaller than Bristol, one, indeed, which we should not call a town at all, but a large village of detached houses. This is Farmington, in Connecticut. Here was a truly Old-World place, and I was taken to see the oldest house in it. And it was a house which we should call old even in England, a respectable wooden house of the seventeenth century. It was just what a New England house should be, except that its grand old open fireplace was blocked up by some modern device or other. But, if the house was thus satisfactory, a turn of disappointment was caused by the discovery of the inhabitants. Not that I have anything to say against them; I doubt not that they are respectable and excellent people in their own way. Only their way was not the way that I came to look for. I came to see New-England Puritans, and I found only Ireland Papishes. The only comfort is that New England has gone westward.

Of the newer parts of the country I saw but little, and of the rural parts of the older States not much beyond what I saw in a visit to a very retired part of Virginia. . . . A Virginia farm-house differs a good deal either from an English country-house or from a house in New York; but it is possible to live quite comfortably in it. The presence of an inferior race hinders much of the difficulty and discomfort which is found in the younger parts of the States. I heard of an English lady in Iowa who had to scrub her own floors; there is no such hard necessity in Virginia. Life, to the visitor at least, is not exciting; there seems to be little society, and a certain difficulty, which I never found in any other part of the world, of knowing what to do with one's time. It is a simple and uneventful way of living; but the main essentials of civilization are not lacking. I had there some opportunities of seeing the negroes in a state more nearly approaching to that in which they were in past times than can be seen in Northern cities. It struck me—but this is a kind of point on which every man does well to distrust his own necessarily partial observation—that the feelings of the two parts of the country toward the negro had in some sort changed places. Before the War one always understood that the Northern people, while professing zeal for the freedom of the negroes, shrank from them personally, but that the Southern people, while anxious to keep them in bondage, felt no such personal shrinking. The feeling both ways was perfectly natural. To me at least the negro is repulsive, but I can understand that he may be otherwise to those who have been used to him from their childhood. On the other hand, I can understand that, now that the negroes have been set free by the agency of the North against the will of the South, the one side may think it their duty to make the best that they can of their own work, while the other side may feel a very natural bitterness toward those whose freedom is a constant memorial of their defeat. I certainly heard people speak of the negro in a different tone in the two sections of the country. But, though one has heard of negro Senators and Representatives, the negro seems no nearer to social equality in New England than he is in Virginia or Missouri. In New England he is certainly more human; he may perhaps be accepted as a man, but he is hardly a brother. I need hardly say that I never met a negro at any American gentleman's table, nor did I hear of any American gentleman who, in the phrase of the old scoffing question, "liked his daughter to marry a nigger."

In this quiet Virginia life I said that the main elements of civilization were not lacking. But I must make one important exception. It is, however, an exception which has to be made in the case of more thickly inhabited parts of America, and even, in some sort, in the case of some of the greatest cities. I mean the utter absence of decent roads. In the part of Virginia in which I staid you literally see the roads, in the words of the famous rhyme, "before they were made." Neither Lee nor Grant seems to have thought it needful to follow the praiseworthy example of Marshal Wade. Walking, riding, driving are all done under difficulties over roads which have never been brought under the dominion of the art of Appius and MacAdam. The lack of good roads is a general feature wherever I have been. It is not always the worst feature in America; but they are certainly exceptional. In many parts, as I before remarked, the railroad has come before the road. Even in the immediate neighborhood of large towns, sometimes even in the streets of large towns themselves, the traveler may sink up to a mass of mud. . . . The very first thing that struck me on the day after landing was the neglected and dirty state of many of the New York streets, a state of which an English market town would certainly be ashamed. I say why great a city is not better looked after is no important question, and I hold that it is owing to the corrupt administration of the Irish. This may or may not be so; if it be so, it is surely another argument against Irish ascendency.

I was told that the Americans are a long-suffering people, and I partly believe it. The tendency to stand still sometimes strongly contrasts with the tendency to go ahead. Take, for instance, the post-offices. Nowhere is it so easy to post a letter as in an American town; there are street-boxes at almost every step. But to register a letter or to go through any of the other branches of postal business often calls for a long journey. . . . Another strange lack in some of the greatest American cities is the want of any good system of hackney carriages at moderate fares. In this matter it is perfectly true that a dollar in America goes no further than a franc in Europe. It would certainly cost several dollars to go as far in New York as you can go in Rome for a single lira.

I must leap from buildings to newspapers. And in the matter of newspapers I wish to speak chiefly of interviewers. I had the honor of having a good many things said of me in American papers, some friendly, some unfriendly, some neutral. And I might also say that some of the things that were said were perfectly true, some utterly false, while some had that mixed character, where imaginary details gather round a certain kernel of fact, which I conceive to be the true notion of a myth. It felt odd at first to have one's looks and one's clothes described and criticised in print; but one gets used to it as to other things. And if some disapproved of my trousers and some of my "accent," it made up for it to find myself described elsewhere as "a man or might, I used to move which continents." . . . I must say, too, that I sank a good deal in the opinions of some of my questioners when I had to tell them that I knew nothing about Mr. Oscar Wilde, whose name was then to be seen in large letters on the walls, in his photographs, in various attitudes, were to be seen in the windows at Washington and at several other places. It was too true that I had never heard of Mr. Wilde till I took up his poems in the house of a gentleman in Massachusetts.

The strength of the English stock in the United States is nowhere more clearly shown than in the fact that it not only settles all foreign elements into those from which were colonies of England or colonies of such colonies, but that it makes itself dominant in lands which were never settled from England, but which were settled from other European lands.

The one main conviction which I have carried away from my American sojourn is, that, while some things in the United States are of yesterday, yet, where such a thing is not